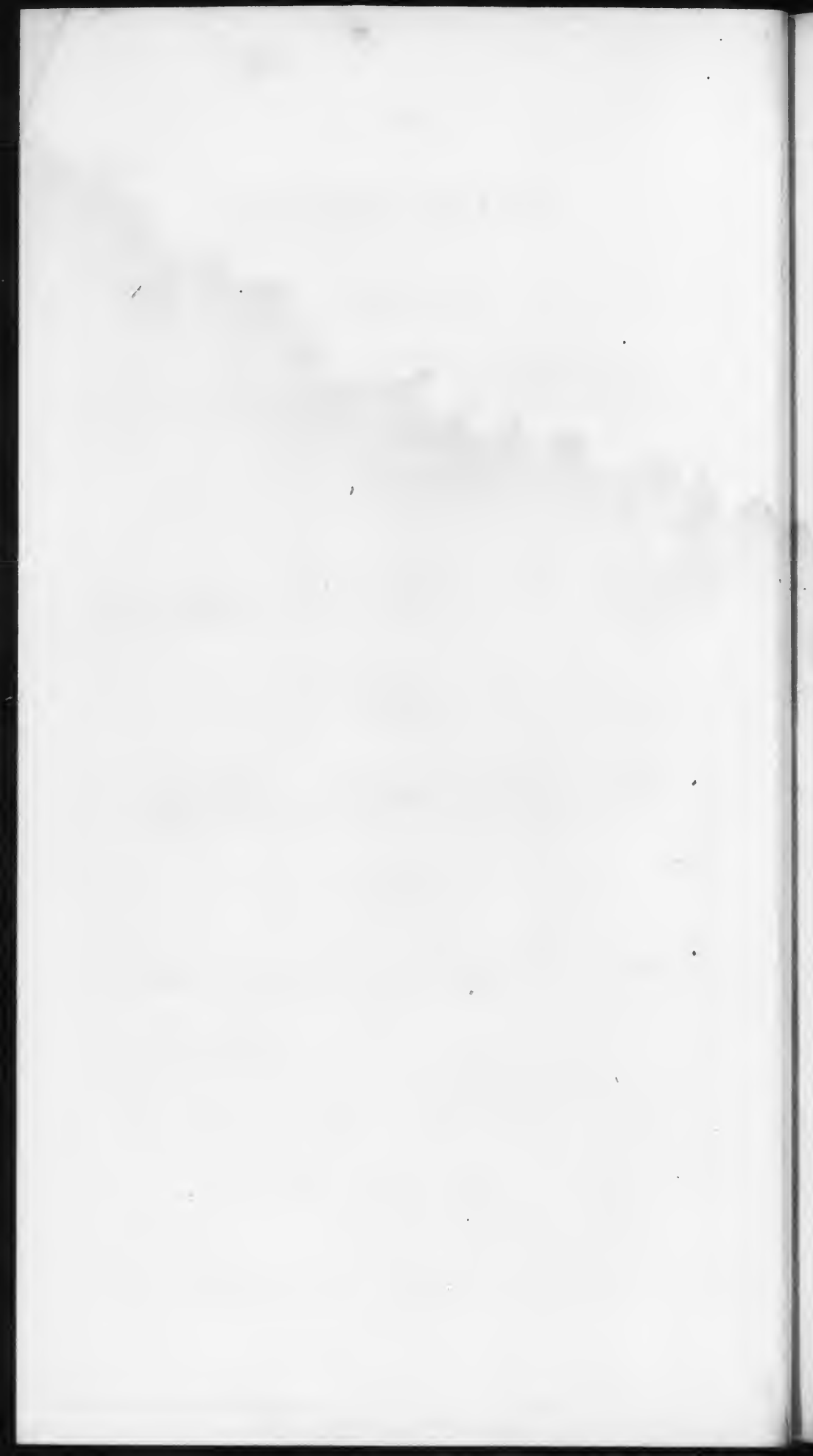


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ORGANIZATION.

THE IOWA CONFERENCE of the M. E. Church, met in its Sixteenth Annual Session, in the M. E. Church, in the city of Muscatine, on Wednesday, September 7th, 1859. Rev. Bishop MATTHEW SIMPSON, Presiding.

The introductory religious services were conducted by the Bishop, who read the 61st chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah, and announced the hymn, commencing

“Jesus, thy servants bless, &c.

after the singing of which, prayer was offered by Rev. C. ELLIOTT, D. D.

The roll of the Conference was called by the Rev. E. L. BRIGGS, the former Secretary, and 82 members responded to their names.

Rev. E. H. WARING was then elected Secretary, Rev. A. C. M'DONALD, Assistant, and Rev. JAMES HAYNES Statistical Secretary.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED.

Stewards.—S. Haines, M. H. Hare, F. H. Carey.

Necessitous Cases.—The Stewards.

Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

Education.—T. E. Corkhill, I. M'Claskey, D. Worthington, M. H. Hare, T. Audas, B. Holland, A. C. M'Donald, A. Bussey, C. Woolsey, C. Elliott.

Sunday Schools.—F. W. Evans, J. Harris, R. B. Allender, E. H. Winans, R. M. Donahue.

Slavery.—T. E. Corkhill, J. Harris, W. Dennett, C. Elliott, I. P. Teter, W. F. Cowles, H. H. Badley, B. Mitchell, W. Howbart.

Bible Cause.—J. Gassner, A. W. Stryker, O. C. Shelton, A. C. Barnhart, S. Hestwood.

Division of Conference.—T. E. Corkhill, I. A. Bradrick, J. H. M'Cutchen, P. P. Ingalls, J. Burgess, I. I. Stewart, E. M. H. Fleming, B. F. Williams, J. M. Rust.

Obituaries.—I. I. Stewart, A. J. Kirkpatrick, H. H. Badley.

Public Worship.—E. W. Twining, D. Worthington.

Temperance.—J. B. Hill, J. S. Rand, J. Darrah.

Periodicals.—W. J. Spaulding, C. Elliott, J. Brooks, I. A. Bradrick, F. W. Evans.

Post Offices.—B. Holland.

Tract Cause.—J. M. Baker, F. M. Slusser, D. T. Sweem.

Tobacco.—A. W. Johnson, J. F. Goolman, M. See, J. M'Dowell, G. N. Power.

State of the Church.—J. Craig, J. Harris, G. W. Friend, A. J. Kirkpatrick, G. H. Clark, G. W. Bamford, A. Laubach, J. Delay, C. Woolsey.

Iowa Wesleyan University.—L. T. Rowley, J. Harris, J. T. Simmons, P. F. Holtzinger, G. H. Clark, W. F. Cowles, H. H. Badley, E. H. Winans, J. M. Rust.

Statistics.—J. F. Goolman, G. N. Power, J. H. M'Cutchen, W. A. Pile, A. Robinson, P. F. Bresee, A. W. Johnson, D. Thompson, J. S. Rand.

Accounts of N. Y. Book Concern.—A. Bussey.

Accounts of Wilberforce University.—J. Gassner.

Parsonages.—W. F. Cowles, P. F. Holtzinger, J. S. Rand.

To distribute the Minutes, and collect and remit the subscriptions for them.—The Presiding Elders.

Publication of Minutes.—E. H. Waring, G. B. Jocelyn.

Minutes.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, }
SEPT. 7th. 1859. }

Proceedings subsequent to the Organization.

The Reports of the Book Committee of the Western Book Concern, and of the Western Book Agents were presented, read, and filed. Rev. A. Poe, one of the Agents, addressed the Conference respecting the interests of the Concern.

The time of opening the daily sessions was fixed at 8 A. M., and of closing, at 12 M.

Rev. Dr. Cumming, of the O. S. Presbyterian Church, and Z. H. Coston, of the Pittsburgh Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

A Circular on the S. School Cause was referred to the Committee on S. Schools; and a Circular on the Tract Cause to the Committee on the Tract Cause.

The Conference ordered a draft for \$25.00 on the Chartered Fund.

A letter from the Agent of Wilberforce University, Ohio, was read, and the accompanying accounts referred to J. Gassner for settlement.

The Bishop presented Circulars on Slavery from the Cincinnati, Providence, and Erie Conferences, which were read, and referred to the Committee on Slavery.

The Reports of the N. Y. Book Concern, and of the Book Agents at N. Y. were read and filed.

The Bishop addressed the Conference in regard to deportment, &c.

The question "*Who are the Superannuated or worn-out preachers?*" was called, and D. N. Smith, D. Dickinson, G. W. Teas, J. W. Maxon, and N. Wells were represented, and their characters passed. L. C. Woodford, S. Farlow, and J. Hayden were changed to effective.

A paper from the Black River Conference on Slavery, was referred to the Committee on Slavery.

The Report of the Trustees of Columbus Seminary was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee of Publication of the Minutes of 1858, made explanations respecting them.

The Examining Committees of the several classes not being ready to report, the list of Effective Elders was called for examination, and the characters of M. Miller, T. E. Corkhill, C. Morey, J. Craig, J. Gassner, L. T. Rowley, W. C. Shippen, and J. Brooks were passed. E. L. Briggs' Case was referred to a select Committee for investigation. The characters of J. H. Power, J. Harris, I. A. Bradrick, J. G. Thompson, H. Gibson, E. H. Waring, I. M'Claskey, S. Reynolds, E. W. Twining, D. Worthington, J. B. Hill, J. H. M'Cutchin, A. W. Stryker, C. P. Reynolds, W. Dennett, J. M'Dowell, P. P. Ingalls, M. H. Hare, A. J. Kirkpatrick, O. C. Shelton, S. Haines, M. See, P. F. Holtzinger, C. Elliott, W. J. Spaulding, A. Miller, J. Darrah, J. Q. Hammond, I. P. Teter, G. H. Clark, T. Audas, S. Hestwood, J. Burgess, F. H. Carey, R. B. Allender, F. W. Evans, D. T. Sweem, A. Robinson, W. Simpson, W. F. Cowles, I. I. Stewart, A. C. Barnhart, F. M. Slusser, B. Holland, and G. W. Bamford were passed.

Rev. John Jay was reported as having died this year. *See Memoir.* The characters of J. B. Hardy, A. C. McDonald, A. W. Johnson, T. M. Goodfellow, A. Badley, H. H. Badley, E. M. H. Fleming, E. Wood, and M. Carrier were passed.

T. M. Goodfellow was granted a superannuated relation.

L. A. Smith's case was referred to a special committee for investigation.

The characters of R. S. Robinson, A. Bussey, J. B. Rawls, J. W. Anderson, J. Sherwood, T. Dixon, I. Burns, S. Brooks, and C. Woolsey were passed.

The cases of D. H. Petefish and J. Guylee were referred to a special committee, for investigation.

Rev. E. L. Beldin, of the O. S. Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Winkler, of the German M. E. Church of Muscatine, were introduced.

R. Mulholland was granted a supernumerary relation.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. F. Cowles.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, }
SEPT. 8th, 1859. }

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Religious services conducted by Rev. B. Holland.

The roll was called, and the journal of yesterday read and approved.

Rev'ds. D. Whitmer, of Cincinnati Conference, and Landon Taylor, and J. G. Dimmitt, of Upper Iowa Conference, were introduced.

M. H. Hare and J. Brooks were appointed a special Committee on the Memoir of the late Rev. S. Clark, hitherto unpublished.

The question, "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up, and M. B. Wayman, E. Miller, D. Murphy, J. M. Conrad, and J. H. Hopkins were represented in reference to character and studies, and passed.

W. A. Watson and D. P. Cole were discontinued at their own request, and L. B. Gordon on account of ill health.

The question, "*Who are the Deacons?*" was called, and C. F. Spooner, H. W. Thomas, J. F. Goolman, J. Delay, G. N. Power, J. M. Baker, S. F. C. Garrison, H. Crellin, A. Laubach, J. T. Simmons, W. Poston, and T. D. Boyles, were represented and passed.

The question, "*Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*" was called, and J. W. Latham, E. H. Winans, J. Elrod, W. A. Pile, B. Mitchell, J. S. Rand, J. Haynes, B. F. Williams, G. W. Friend, W. Howbert, and J. M. Rust, were represented, passed, and elected to Elder's orders.

S. S. Gruber, who had not been before the Examining Committee, was represented and his character passed.

The question, "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" was called, and the class presented themselves, as their names were called, before the Bishop, who addressed them in regard to the obligations they were about to assume, and propounded to them the questions directed in the Discipline, to which they responded satisfactorily. They were then severally examined in reference to their characters and studies, and G. W. Byrkit, G. Clemmer,

G. W. Conrad, C. G. Milnes, P. F. Bresee, A. S. Prather, A. Orr, W. S. Peterson, E. T. Coiner, B. Shinn, and A. H. Murphy were passed, admitted, and elected to Deacon's orders.

D. Thompson and J. R. Carey, already Deacons, were passed and admitted. G. B. Jocelyn, already an Elder, was passed, admitted, and having satisfied the Conference of his proficiency in all the studies required, was excused from further examination.

The vote admitting A. Orr was reconsidered, in order that he might be further examined in regard to his views of baptism, and his case was re-committed to the Committee of Examination.

A complaint against the administration of J. W. Todd, was referred to a special Committee.

The Examining Committee in the case of A. Orr reported satisfactorily, and he was passed, admitted, and elected to Deacon's orders.

D. W. Robinson was discontinued at his own request; L. P. Crowell, on account of ill health; and R. M. Donahue was passed, and continued on trial.

W. C. Williams, a Deacon, was granted a location, at his own request.

The Committee in the case of J. Guylee recommended that his character pass, and proposed the following resolution: *Resolved* that we respectfully request the Bishop and his Council to carefully investigate the affairs of Council Bluffs District.

The Report was received, and, after Bro. Guylee was represented by several of the preachers of the District, and communications had been read from the Q. Conferences of Loudon and Bedford, representing the confidence of the brethren in him as their P. E., his character was passed. The resolution recommended, was laid on the table.

The same Committee reported in the case of D. H. Petefish, recommending that his character pass, and it was adopted.

The Committee in the case of J. W. Todd reported, his character passed, and he was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The Committee on Slavery reported; and the Report was read, accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Report was taken up item by item. The portion refer-

ring to the Providence Conference Resolutions was read as follows: "They would report that they have concurred in the Resolutions adopted by the Providence Conference, and, as their first choice, recommend it to your favorable consideration also, with this additional resolution:

Resolved, that we recommend the suspension of the fourth Restrictive Rule, for the purposes specified in the Providence resolutions.

The question first before the Conference was decided to be that of concurrence with the Providence Resolutions, and they were read, as follows:

Resolved, that we recommend the alteration of the General Rules of our Church by prefixing the word *Slaveholding* to the rule which forbids "the buying and selling of men, women, and children, with an intention to enslave them," and changing "*and*" to *or* in both instances in which it occurs, so that the rule will read: *Slaveholding. The buying or selling of men, women, or children, with an intention to enslave them.*

The subject was discussed at length by Dr. Elliott and W. F. Cowles. While Bro. Cowles was speaking, he was reminded that the time of the session had nearly expired, and gave way for adjournment.

Rev. R. S. Foster D. D., of the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and Rev. Mr. Cass, of the N. S. Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

The session closed with the benediction by Dr. J. H. Power.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, }
SEPT. 9TH, 1859. }

Conference met at the regular hour, and opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. A. Bussey. The further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

An appeal of L. H. Stringfield, a local preacher, from a decision of the Q. C. of Loudon station in his case, was referred to a special Committee.

Rev. T. Williams, D. D., of Jefferson City, Mo., Rev. U. P.

Golliday, of Rock River Conference, and Rev. Alcinus Young, of Upper Iowa Conference, were introduced.

The Report on Slavery was then taken up. W. F. Cowles moved to take the question without debate. G. B. Jocelyn and L. T. Rowley presented the following substitute :

Whereas, there are conflicting opinions concerning the correct interpretation of our General Rule on Slavery, and *whereas* uniformity of action is desirable, and *whereas* the M. E. Church has always been an Anti-Slavery Church ;

Therefore Resolved, that the Iowa Annual Conference request the next General Conference to leave the present Rule on Slavery unchanged, and so to amend the chapter on Slavery as to read as follows :

CHAPTER VII.—OF SLAVERY.

Quest. What shall be done for the extirpation of the Evil of Slavery ?

Ans. 1. We declare that we are as much as ever convinced of the great evil of Slavery.

Ans. 2. That while the letter of the General Rule positively prohibits the buying or selling of men, women, or children, with an intention to enslave them, the spirit as clearly prohibits the holding of slaves for mercenary or selfish purposes, and that the Annual Conferences are hereby directed to have the rule on Slavery administered with this understanding.

The substitute was laid on the table by 42 ayes to 33 nays.

The debate on concurrence in the recommendation of the Providence Conference, was then resumed, and J. H. Power, C. Elliott, and others addressed the Conference on the subject.

A motion to re-commit the Report, was lost by 29 ayes to 54 nays.

The vote on concurrence was then taken, and it was resolved to concur by 62 ayes to 29 nays.

The portion of the Report referring to the resolution proposed by the Erie Conference was then taken up, and read as follows :

“They also concurred in the Erie Conference resolution as their second choice.”

The Erie rule was then read, as follows :

Resolved, by the Erie Annual Conference, in Conference assem-

bled, that the Annual and General Conferences be requested to concur in so amending the General rule on Slavery, that it shall read as follows: "The buying, selling, holding, or transferring, of any human being, to be used in slavery."

The vote on concurrence was then taken, and decided affirmatively, by 60 ayes to 34 nays.

The portion of the report referring to the recommendation of the Cincinnati Conference, was laid on the table by 55 ayes to 40 nays.

The portion of the Report was read recommending—

"That the Chapter on Slavery in our Discipline be so amended that the second answer to the question therein shall read as follows: *to wit*:

No slaveholder shall be eligible to membership in our Church when the laws of the State will admit of emancipation, and permit the emancipated slave to enjoy his freedom. Also whenever a member becomes an owner of a slave or slaves BY ANY MEANS, he shall forfeit his membership unless he make due provisions for the emancipation of such slave or slaves, and within such time as may be most conducive to the interests of the enslaved. They would also recommend the striking out of the third and fourth answers to the question propounded in the Chapter on Slavery."

W. J. Spaulding proposed to amend by inserting, after the words, "he shall forfeit his membership," the words, "whenever the laws of the State admit of emancipation."

G. B. Jocelyn proposed, as a substitute, that we recommend that the Chapter on Slavery be stricken from the Discipline.

The substitute was lost, and the amendment laid on the table.

The portion of the Report under consideration was then adopted by 62 ayes to 32 nays.

The subsequent portions of the Report were laid on the table, and the Report, as amended, was adopted. *See Report*, No. 1.

A Resolution, offered by I. P. Teter, "that we rescind the resolution requesting the Bishop to not continue in the Eldership those that have been Presiding Elders for four years," was laid on the table.

The case of Joseph Good, a Local Preacher, expelled under a decision of the Lawrenceburg Q. C., was introduced by J. B. Hardy, and, after some extracts from letters of said Good were read,

and the law of appeals had been stated by the Chair, it was ordered that a new trial be granted him, on the ground of additional testimony received since the former trial.

The Committee on the Division of the Conference presented their Report, which was read, received, and laid on the table until to-morrow.

It was resolved to meet at 2 P. M. for the election of Delegates to the ensuing General Conference.

Rev. A. B. Robbins, of the Congregational Church, was introduced.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Z. H. Coston.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. G. Dimmitt.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

The action of the Conference in the case of Joseph Good was reconsidered. The question recurring on the original motion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

J. H. White, an Elder, formerly of the Iowa Conf.; D. B. Clarey, an Elder, formerly of the North Indiana Conf.; F. H. Reed, an Elder, formerly of the Rock River Conf.; and M. Sheets, an Elder, formerly of the Ohio Conf., were re-admitted into the traveling connection.

The order of the day, the election of delegates, was then taken up. The Bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to five delegates.

It was agreed to elect them by ballot, and that the first five on the list, having a majority of the votes cast, shall be the delegates. G. B. Jocelyn, S. Haines, J. Darrah, and J. Burgess were appointed tellers of the election. A motion that they have leave to retire to count the ballots failed.

The Conference then proceeded to take the first ballot, which resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	-	-	114
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	58

Of these votes W. F. Cowles received	-	-	-	78
“ “ T. E. Corkhill “	-	-	-	68

These brethren having a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to take the second ballot, which resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	-	-	110
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	-	63

Of these votes J. S. Hammond received - - - 63
and having a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to take the third ballot, which resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	-	-	109
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	-	55

None having a majority of the votes cast, the Conference proceeded to take the fourth ballot, which resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	-	-	105
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	-	53
Of these votes J. H. Power received	-	-	-	-	64
“ “ M. H. Hare “	-	-	-	-	63
“ “ C. Elliott	-	-	-	-	58

J. H. Power and M. H. Hare, the first two having a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

C. Elliott and W. Simpson were then elected, by acclamation, reserve delegates.

The Report of the Committee on the Division of Conference was taken up, and it was moved to adopt the Report as presented.

J. Q. Hammond moved to amend the Report by striking out the line proposed therein in these words,

“Commencing at the S. E. corner of Wayne Co., thence due north to the N. E. corner of Lucas Co., thence due east to the corner of Marion and Mahaska, thence north till we strike the Des Moines River, thence by said River to the northern boundary,” and substituting therefor the line as follows: Commencing at the S. E. corner of Wayne county, and running due north to the line of the Upper Iowa Conference, leaving Knoxville on the west, and Monroe, Newton, and Greencastle on the east of said line.

The substitute was adopted.

R. S. Robinson moved to strike out the word "Des Moines," as the name of the western Conference, and to insert "Southwestern Iowa," in the place, which prevailed. The Report, as amended, was then adopted. *See Report*, No. II.

The Conference proceeded to fix the place of its next meeting. It was agreed to select three places, one in each of the proposed Conferences, in case of division, and one at which to hold the Conference, if undivided. Indianola and Oceola were nominated as the seat of the S. W. Iowa Conference, and Indianola was selected. Oskaloosa, Burlington, Mt Pleasant, and Washington were named as the seat of the Iowa Conference, and Oskaloosa was selected.

Indianola was the chosen place of meeting in case of no division.

The credentials of J. Kelly, an Elder, were presented and filed.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, and the session closed with the benediction by E. W. Twining.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, }
SEPT. 10TH, 1859. }

Conference met at the appointed hour. Religious services by Rev. L. T. Rowley. The journal of yesterday afternoon was read and approved.

The Committee in the case of E. L. Briggs reported verbally through their chairman, Dr. Elliott. The question of the passage of his character was taken up. After Bro. Briggs had made an explanation respecting his views of eternal punishment, it was moved that his character pass. As a substitute, resolutions were proposed by J. Brooks, pronouncing upon the doubts entertained by Bro. Briggs respecting the eternity of the punishment of the finally impenitent, the solemn disapprobation of the Conference; and in view of his regret at the existence of these doubts, and o his promise to make an effort to free himself from them, recommending the passage of his character. They were adopted, and his character passed.

A motion to grant him a supernumerary relation was laid on the table.

Rev. W. Hirst, of the Baltimore Conference, and Rev. Mr. Remington of the Baptist Church, were introduced.

The records in the case of the appeal of C. C. Bear, from a decision of Adel Q. C. were presented and filed.

J. H. Power presented the Report of the Committee on Missions. *See Report*, No. III. The Report was adopted.

The credentials of Joseph Good, a Local Deacon, and of John Orr, a Local Elder, were presented and filed.

J. Gassner, Committee on the accounts of Wilberforce University, was discharged from further service.

The Conference then gave way to a regular meeting of the Board of Corporators of the I. W. University. After their adjournment, the Conference resumed its business.

The Bishop presented the resolutions of the East Genessee Conference in reference to lay-delegation, which, on motion of L. T. Rowley, were laid on the table by 40 ayes to 24 nays.

The Bishop called for applications for the ordination of Local Deacons and Elders, but none were elected.

The Conference resolved to meet at 2 P. M.

The Committee in the case of L. A. Smith presented their report, which was read. A motion to re-commit it, with instructions to recommend some definite course of action for the Conference, in the case, was lost. The report was then received, and its consideration deferred.

The minutes of the session were read, up to adjournment, and approved.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. I. I. Stewart.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at the time appointed, and opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. M. H. Hare.

The Committee on the Tract cause presented their Report, which was read and adopted. *See Report*, No IV.

The Committee in the case of L. H. Stringfield reported, recommending that the case be referred back to the Q. C. of Loudon Station, for a new trial, and the report was adopted.

J. Burgess presented certain conveyances of Real Estate for the use of the Missionary Cause. They were accepted, and referred to the P. E. of Loudon District, who was made the Agent of the Conference in the case.

The action of the Conference accepting the Report in the case of L. A. Smith, was reconsidered. A motion to re-commit failed. It was then agreed that he be left without an appointment, that the case may be investigated on the charge to which he belonged, and, if he be cleared, the P. E. was given authority to employ him.

J. Harris read a paper tendering the Elliott Seminary, Burlington, to the Iowa Conference, accompanied with a Report from the Trustees of said Seminary. The papers were received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication made by A. Bussey, respecting a claim for Tracts &c., obtained by J. C. Smith, formerly Tract Agent of the Conference, of the N. Y. Book Concern, was referred to a special Committee.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported, and the report was adopted. *See Report*, No. V.

The Bishop was requested to re-appoint S. Reynolds to the Agency of the A. B. S. in Ill.

The Presiding Elders were made a Committee to distribute the Minutes to the preachers in their several Districts, collect the money for them, and remit it to the Secretary, for payment upon them.

The roll of Conference was called to ascertain how many copies of the minutes each preacher will be responsible for, and 950 copies were subscribed for. (Subsequently the number subscribed for was increased to 1095.) E. H. Waring was appointed to superintend the publication of the minutes. J. Burgess was appointed to collect money to refund outlays by the Committee of Publication of last year.

F. M. Slusser was granted a supernumerary relation, and the relation of N. Wells was changed from superannuated to supernumerary. The credentials of C. S. Jennes were ordered to be restored. The Indiana Conference was also recommended to restore the credentials of A. H. Shaffer.

The Visiting Committee of the I. W. University, presented their report, which was read and accepted. *See Report No. VI.*

The orders of Wm. Pearce, a Ministerial Elder of the Congregational Church, were, upon his assuming our ordination vows, recognized.

D. H. Petefish was granted a supernumerary relation.

I. A. Bradrick read the Treasurer's Report of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society. *See Report No. VII.*

The Secretary was instructed to procure a new Journal for the use of the Iowa Conference.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, and the session closed with benediction by Rev. S. Haines.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, }
Sept. 12th, 1859. }

Conference met at the regular hour. Religious services by Rev. Enoch Wood. The journal of Saturday afternoon was read and approved.

The question, "What preachers are admitted on trial?" was taken up. For list of admissions see the Summary.

The Presiding Elders were permitted to employ C. A. Whittier and Kortland Card, if suitable opportunities occur.

The Book Agents were permitted to make their report. Previously A. Bussey made a report from the Committee on the claim of the N. Y. Book Concern for Tracts, &c.; representing that the debt has been assumed by the person contracting it, and that the Conference cannot assume any part of said debt.—The report was adopted.

Bro. Doughty then reported the collections made on Book and Periodical accounts, as follows: Collected on St. Louis accounts 76 *per cent.*; on Cincinnati accounts, 58 *per cent.* and on Chicago

accounts, 38 *per cent.* A number of unpaid accounts were referred to various persons for collection, or reported worthless, &c. A number of the brethren were allowed an extension of time for the settlement of their accounts.

The following resolution passed :

Resolved, that we request each member of this Conference to require our people to prepay for their periodicals.

A. Bussey called the list of delinquents to the N. Y. Book Concern, and asked for information respecting them to report to the Agents there. A collection was lifted to pay the indebtedness of the late Rev. J. Jay to the N. Y. Book Concern; and the surplus of \$1.50 was appropriated to Mrs. Jay.

J. Harris presented \$15.15 of moneys of the S. S. Union, of the M. E. Church, which was paid to A. Poe for the Treasurer of the S. S. Union.

Bishop Simpson presented a certificate of the ordinations of Elders and Deacons, performed by him on yesterday, Sept. 11th, 1859. *For list of ordinations, see the Summary.*

Statistics still wanting were called for, and direction was given in regard to filling the blanks.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, that we will be prepared to report our statistics on the second day of Conference at our next meeting.

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was read and accepted.

The thanks of the Conference were voted to Mr. John Pearson for his liberal donation to the Elliott Seminary, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Trustees, to have a suitable proposition prepared for next Conference. The Committee are W. Dennett, G. B. Jocelyn and J. H. Power.

The question of the adoption of the report was then taken up. Dr. C. Elliott, President of the I. W. U., addressed the Conference in relation to its interests. Bishop Simpson was requested to give his views on the subject, and addressed the Conference thereupon.

Rev. W. H. Hunter, of Peoria Conf., and Rev'ds. C. G. Truesdell, and M. M. Tooke, of Upper Iowa Conf., were introduced.

It was agreed to meet at 2 P. M. The session then closed with the benediction by Rev. M. H. Hare.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Z. H. Coston. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

G. B. Jocelyn was added to the Committee of Publication.

A resolution requesting Bishop Simpson, in view of the contemplated division of the Conference rendering it probable that we shall never all meet again in this world, to administer the Lord's Supper to the Conference at the close of its session, was adopted.

The action of the Conference in L. A. Smith's case, directing that he be left without an appointment, was reconsidered, and that part of it laid on the table. The character of Bro. Smith was then passed, subject to the investigation ordered by the Conference.

The Committee on the financial condition of the I. W. U. presented their Report. *See Report No. VIII.* The Report and resolutions were adopted.

E. M. H. Fleming moved that the preachers be instructed to use their best efforts to procure donations of Real Estate to the University. Adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Education, was then taken up. The Roll was called and the pledges of the preachers to preach on the subject of Education, and to make personal application to the members of their charges for donations, were given. J. Brooks, moved that the whole subject of the finances of the University be referred to a Committee of seven, to report at an early period, and J. Brooks, D. Worthington, T. E. Corkhill, J. H. White, J. H. Power, I. I. Stewart, and J. Burgess were appointed said Committee.

It was resolved to meet at 7 P. M.

By request the Bishop again addressed the Conference respecting the interests of the University. The Report was then

adopted. *See Report No. IX.* R. M. Donahue, James Cowger, and James Micklewait were appointed to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Columbus Seminary.

The Conference then gave way to a meeting of the Board of Corporators of the I. W. U. After they had adjourned, the Conference resumed its business.

W. J. Spaulding presented the Report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was read and adopted. *See Report No. X.*—E. H. Winans presented the Report of the Committee on S. Schools, which was read and adopted. *See Report No. XI.*

J. Guylee asked for instructions as to the manner in which vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Columbus Seminary shall be filled during the interval of Conference. The Trustees were empowered to fill such vacancies in their own Board.

The Committee on Parsonages and Parsonage property reported, and the Report was read and adopted. *See Report No. XII*

The Bishop was requested to appoint J. H. White, as Agent of the Endowment Fund of the I. W. University.

The Secretary read the aggregates of the Statistics of the Conference. *See Table.* G. W. Conrad, was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Committee of Publication were instructed to abbreviate the recorded minutes as much as possible.

The Committee on the state of the Church presented their Report. The last resolution was withdrawn, and the remainder of the Report was adopted. *See Report No. XIII.*

Bishop Simpson presented the certificate of the Ordination of C. G. Milnes, as Deacon, on this day, September 12th, 1859.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. W. Simpson.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Morey. Rev. J. Brooks, in the Chair. The journal of the afternoon was read, corrected, and approved. The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, 1. That we welcomed the presence among us of our beloved Superintendent, Bp. Simpson, and that we are thankful to Almighty God, for the restoration of his health, and the rich grace with which He has blessed him.

2d. That we express our sense of the urbane and efficient character of his presidency over the deliberations of this Conference.

3d. That we shall follow him with our prayers, that he may long be spared, to illustrate the Gospel, by the purity of his life, and to promote its extension by his ministrations.

4th. That we request of him permission to publish the discourse delivered by him in this Church on Sabbath morning last.

E. H. WARING,
C. C. MABEE.

A collection was lifted to defray the incidental expenses of the Conference. J. Darrah, moved that \$1,000 be raised upon the salary of Dr. Elliott, President of the I. W. U., and the proposition was filled. A plate collection of \$9.65 was also lifted for the same object.

The Stewards presented their Report, which was adopted.—*See Report No. XIV.* As the Committee on Necessitous Cases, they stated they had no funds placed in their hands, and had no report to make.

W. Mahan, and J. L. Courtney were admitted on trial.

Resolutions of thanks, to the several railroad, steamboat, and stage lines, that have reduced their fares to the preachers; to the citizens of Muscatine, for their hospitality, and to the Pastors and Congregations of the Churches, whose pulpits have been tendered for our use—were offered and adopted unanimously. The Committee on Temperance reported, and the Report was read and adopted. *See Report No. XV.*

The Committee on obituaries reported in the case of Rev. J. Jay. *See Report No. XVI.*

The special Committee on the Memoir of the late Rev. S. Clark, reported. *See the same Report.* It was ordered that the Memoirs be published in the General Minutes of this year.

The subscription in the hands of I. A. Bradrick, to the Ruble Monument, were ordered to be placed in the hands of C. N. M'Dowell, of Mt. Pleasant.

J. Burgess reported having raised \$4.23 on deficiency of Minute money of last year, which was paid to I. A. Bradrick.

The Bishop then nominated the S. S. Committees of the several Districts, which were appointed. The Committees of Examination and the persons to preach the annual Missionary Sermons next year were announced. *See Summary.* The Journal was read to the close of the session, and approved.

The hymn, commencing,

“And let our bodies part,”

was sung, and Rev. W. Simpson led in prayer. The Bishop then addressed the Conference appropriately, and the appointments of the preachers for the next Conference year were announced.—*See Summary.*

The doxology was then sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Simpson, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

SUMMARY.

Admitted on Trial: W. Pierce, A. C. Williams, W. Orris, John Haynes, C. S. Jennis, J. B. Casebeer, J. B. Tallmadge, B. F. Tallman, J. Orr, G. Nicholas, J. Welch, C. C. Mabce, C. A. Hawn, J. A. Wilson, J. Cowger, W. Mahan, J. L. Courtney. 17.

Continued on Trial: M. B. Wayman, E. Miller, D. Murphy, J. M. Conrad, J. H. Hopkins, R. M. Donahue. 6.

Admitted into full Connection: G. W. Byrkit, G. Clemmer, G. W. Conrad, C. G. Milnes, P. F. Bresee, A. S. Prather, A. Orr, W. S. Peterson, E. T. Coiner, B. Shinn, A. H. Murphy, D. Thompson, J. R. Carey, G. B. Jocelyn, J. W. Todd. *Re-admitted:* J. H. White, D. B. Clarey, F. H. Reed, M. Sheets. 19.

Deacons: C. F. Spooner, H. W. Thomas, J. F. Goolman, J. Delay, G. N. Power, J. M. Baker, S. F. C. Garrison, H. Crellin, A. Laubach, J. T. Simmons, W. Poston, T. D. Boyles, S. S. Gruber. *Deacons when admitted:* D. Thompson, J. R. Carey. *Ordained this Year:* G. W. Byrkit, G. Clemmer, G. W. Conrad, P. F. Bresee, A. S. Prather, J. W. Todd, A. Orr, W. S. Peterson, E. T. Coiner, B. Shinn, A. H. Murphy, C. G. Milnes. 27.

Elders ordained this Year: E. H. Winans, J. Elrod, W. A. Pile, B. Mitchell, J. S. Rand, James Haynes, B. F. Williams, G. W. Friend, W. Howbart, J. M. Rust, J. W. Latham. 11. *Elder when admitted:* G. B. Jocelyn.

Located: W. C. Williams. 1.

Supernumeraries: R. Mulholland, F. M. Slusser, N. Wells, D. H. Petefish, G. W. Conrad. 5.

Superannuated: D. N. Smith, D. Dickinson, G. W. Teas, J. W. Maxon, T. M. Goodfellow. 5.

Withdrawn from the Connection: None.

Died this Year: J. Jay. 1.

Number of Church Members &c.; See table of Statistics.

Amount necessary for the superannuated Preachers, etc., } See Stewards'
Amount of collections on the foregoing accounts etc., } Report.

Place of next meeting: In case of division the Iowa Conference will meet at Oskaloosa, and the S. W. Iowa Conference at Indianola. If undivided, the Conference will meet at Indianola. Time not given.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Keokuk District,	T. E. Corkhill, B. B. Hinman-
Burlington, "	W. Dennett, James Searf.
Muscatine, "	D. Worthington, G. Porter.
Mt. Pleasant, "	J. Q. Hammond, W. Jones.
Albia, "	T. Audas, Geo Noble.
Oskaloosa, "	R. B. Allender, N. J. Smith.
Des Moines, "	E. M. H. Fleming, H. C. Reed.
Chariton, "	C. C. Mabee, R. Coles.
Loudon, "	R. M. Donahue, W. Armstrong.
Council Bluffs, "	W. S. Peterson, T. H. Benton.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1860.

1st. Year,	R. B. Allender, A. W. Stryker, M. Carrier.
2d. "	I. McClaskey, J. Burgess, S. Hestwood.
3d. "	J. Harris, T. E. Corkhill, J. B. Hill.
4th. "	J. B. Hardy, A. Robinson, W. Simpson.

FOR S. W. IOWA CONFERENCE—(if organized.)

1st. Year,	C. Woolsey, F. H. Reed, J. M. Rust.
2d. "	E. H. Winans, R. M. Donahue, T. Dixon.
3d. "	I. P. Teter, J. Delay, B. Mitchell.
4th. "	E. M. H. Fleming, A. Bussey, H. H. Badley.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

Iowa Conference: J. Harris; *Alternate,* P. P. Ingalls.

S. W. Iowa Conference: E. H. Waring; *Alternate,* E. H. Winans.

Visitors of I. W. University: T. Audas, E. H. Waring, A. Bussey, G. B. Jocelyn, F. W. Evans, J. B. Hardy, J. Q. Hammond, L. T. Rowley, H. Gibson.

Delegates to General Conference: W. F. Cowles, T. E. Corkhill, J. Q. Hammond, J. H. Power, M. H. Hare. *Reserves:* C. Elliott, W. Simpson.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE PREACHERS FOR 1859-60.

N. B. ELDERS IN ITALICS.

KEOKUK DISTRICT—MILTIADES MILLER, P. E.

Keokuk, Exchange Street, <i>F. W. Evans.</i>	Troy, <i>L. T. Rowley.</i>
" Chatham Square, <i>T. E. Corkhill.</i>	Pittsburgh, J. H. Hopkins.
Montrose, to be supplied.	Vernon, <i>W. Pierce.</i>
New Boston, C. A. Hawn.	Libertyville, G. W. Byrkit.
Farmington, <i>J. Gassner.</i>	Sugar Creek, T. D. Boyles, R. Mulholland
Bentonsport, J. F. Goolman,	sup.
Winchester, <i>W. C. Shippen,</i> G. W.	<i>Joseph Brooks,</i> Editor of <i>Central Christ-</i>
Conrad, sup.	<i>ian Advocate,</i> member of Chatham Sq.,
Birmingham, <i>Jesse Craig.</i>	Q. C.
Keosauqua, <i>J. W. Latham.</i>	

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—J. H. POWER, P. E.

Burlington, Old Zion, *G. B. Jocelyn*.
 " Ebenezer, *W. Dennett*.
 Fort Madison, *H. W. Thomas*.
 Denmark, *A. C. Williams*.
 West Point, *Isaac M'Claskey*.
 Augusta, *J. G. Thompson*, *C. G. Milnes*.
 New London, *W. Simpson*.
 Dodgeville, *G. N. Power*.
 Kossuth, *H. Gibson*, *N. Wells*, sup.
 Wapello, *A. S. Prather*.
 Toolsboro, *M. B. Wayman*.
 Salem, *Michael See*.
S. Reynolds, Agent of A. B. Society, Ill ;
 member of Ebenezer Q. C.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—E. W. TWINING, P. E.

Muscataine, *D. Worthington*.
 Muscatine cir., *J. T. Simmons*, *W. Orris*.
 Grandview, *G. W. Friend*.
 Oakdale, *J. H. M'Cutchen*.
 Blue Grass, *A. W. Stryker*.
 West Liberty, *W. Poston*, *B. F. Tallman*.
 Richmond, *C. P. Reynolds*, *L. C. Woodford*.
 Washington sta., *J. Harris*.
 North Bend, *J. B. Hill*.
 Harrisburgh Mission, *J. A. Wilson*.
 Washington cir., *J. Elrod*, one to be supplied.
 Talleyrand, *E. Miller*.
 Marengo, *J. R. Carey*, *J. B. Casebeer*, *F. M. Slusser*, sup.
 Millersburg, *C. S. Jennis*.

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT—J. M'DOWELL, P. E.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury, *P. P. Ingalls*.
 " University, *J. Q. Hammond*.
 " cir., *A. J. Kirkpatrick*, *D. Murphy*.
 Martinsburgh, *S. S. Gruber*.
 Glasgow, *E. L. Briggs*.
 Fairfield, *J. B. Hardy*.
 Brookville, *J. Hayden*.
 Brighton, *John Haynes*.
 Marshall, *P. F. Holtzinger*.
 Crawfordsville, *O. C. Shelton*, one to be supplied.
 Rome, *John Orr*.
 Agency City, *A. Robinson*.
 Iowa Wesleyan University, *C. Elliot*, President; *W. J. Spaulding*, *Adam Miller*, Professors; *John Darrah*, and *J. H. White*, Agents, all members of University, Q. C.

ALBIA DISTRICT—M. H. HARE, P. E.

Albia, *T. Audas*.
 Centerville, *G. H. Clark*.
 Bell Air, *C. Morey*.
 Unionville, *James Haynes*.
 Drakesville, *H. Crellin*.
 Bloomfield sta., *J. Burgess*.
 " cir., *F. H. Carey*.
 Florice Mission, to be supplied.
 Ottumwa, *Isaiah A. Bradrick*.
 Chillicothe, *G. W. Bamford*.
 Hamilton, *D. T. Sweet*.
 Blakesburgh, *L. A. Smith*.
 Attica, *A. W. Johnson*, *W. Mahan*.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—W. F. COWLES, P. E.

Oskaloosa, *R. B. Allender*.
 Eddyville, *S. Hestwood*.
 Fremont, to be supplied.
 Sigourney, *A. C. Barnhart*.
 Montezuma, *B. Holland*.
 Indianapolis, *John Welch*.
 Peoria, *A. Orr*.
 Pella, *P. F. Bresee*.
 Grinnell, to be supplied.
 Galesburg, *G. Clemmer*.
 Rochester, *J. L. Courtney*.
 Newton, *M. Carrier*.
 Greencastle, *S. F. C. Garrison*.
 Monroe, *A. Laubach*.

DES MOINES DISTRICT—S. HAINES, P. E.

Des Moines, *E. H. Waring*.
 East Des Moines Mission, *I. P. Teeter*.
 Adel, *G. Nicholas*.
 Indianola, *E. M. H. Fleming*.
 Lawrenceburg, *Enoch Wood*.
 Hartford, *A. Badley*, one to be supplied.
 Knoxville, *A. Bussey*.
 Rising Sun, *H. H. Badley*.
 Wheeling, *A. H. Murphy*.
 Beaver, *D. Thompson*.

CHARITON MISSION DISTRICT—R. S. ROBINSON, P. E.

Chariton, *C. C. Mabee*.
 Oeeola, *E. H. Winans*.
 Liberty and Ottawa, *M. Sheets*.
 Newbern, *T. Dixon*.
 Lagrange, *Jesse Sherwood*.
 New York, *E. T. Coiler*.
 Corydon, *B. Shinn*.
 Garden Grove, *B. F. Williams*.
 Leon, *Jacob Delay*.
 Decatur City, *J. B. Tallmadge*.
 Hopeville, *F. H. Reed*.
 New Virginia, *John W. Anderson*.

LOUDON MISSION DISTRICT—JOHN GUYLEE, P. E.

Loudon, R. M. Donahue.
 Glenwood, James Cowger.
 Sidney, J. M. Ræst.
 Montgomery, to be supplied.
 Clarinda, C. Woolsey.

Quincy, W. Howbart.
 Bedford, J. S. Rand.
 Mount Ayr, C. F. Spooner.
 Afton, Bennet Mitchel.

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—I. I. STEWART, P. E.

Council Bluffs, to be supplied, D. H. Pete-
fish, sup.
 Audubon and Lewis, D. B. Clary.
 Magnolia, S. Farlow.
 Buena Vista, J. M. Baker.
 Harlan, to be supplied.
 Adair, J. W. Todd.
 Brooklyn, J. B. Rawls.
 Winterset, W. S. Peterson.

Panora, J. M. Conrad.
 I Burns, and S. Brooks, transferred to
 Kansas and Nebraska Conference. A.
 C. McDonald, transferred to Missouri
 Conference, and stationed at Hedding
 Church, St. Louis; W. A. Pile, trans-
 ferred to Missouri Conference, and sta-
 tioned at Kansas City.

REPORTS.

N. B. Amendments are placed in brackets.

I. ON SLAVERY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Slavery would report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and are fully convinced that the interests of the Church demand at the hands of her officials increased effort and concert of action for the extirpation of the great evil of Slavery.

They are furthermore convinced that such changes and amendments should be made both in our Rule and Chapter on Slavery as that all men may know by our practice as well as by our profession that we have no sympathy with what has been justly styled "the sum of all villainies."

The question under consideration has been fully and ably discussed before the public through the columns of our papers. We want action now; not argument; we want works, not words. *Therefore*, in regard to certain papers put into their hands by the Conference, they would report that they have concurred in the Resolution adopted by the Providence Conference, as their *first* choice, and recommend it to your favorable consideration also, with this additional resolution:

Resolved, that we recommend the suspension of the fourth Restrictive Rule, for the purpose specified in the Providence resolution.

They also concurred in the Erie Conference resolution as their *second* choice.

They would also recommend that the Chapter on Slavery in our Discipline be so amended that the second answer to the question therein shall read as follows; *to wit*: "No slaveholder shall be eligible to membership in our Church when the laws of the State will admit of emancipation, and permit the emancipated slave to enjoy his freedom. Also, whenever a member becomes an owner of a slave or slaves, BY ANY MEANS, he shall forfeit his membership unless he make due provisions for the emancipation of such slave or slaves, and within such time as may be most conducive to the interests of the enslaved. They also would recommend the striking out of the third and fourth answers to the question proposed in the chapter on Slavery."

T. E. CORKHILL, *Chairman*.

II. ON THE DIVISION OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Committee on the division of Conference respectfully report: That a division of the Conference is necessary, and they recommend the following line for consideration and adoption.

[Commencing at the S. E. corner of Wayne co. and running due north to the line of the Upper Iowa conference, leaving Knoxville on the west, and Monroe, Newton and Greencastle, east of said line.]

All the territory west of said line to be called the [Southwestern Iowa Conference] and all the territory east to comprise the Iowa Conference.

I. I. STEWART, *Chairman*.

III. ON MISSIONS.

Toolsboro,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Harrisburgh,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Florice,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
East Des Moines,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 00
Chariton District,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160 00
Decatur City,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Hopeville,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Loudon District,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160 00
Montgomery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Council Bluffs District,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120 00
Council Bluffs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172 00
Harlan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
									<hr/> \$1000 00

J. H. POWER, *Chairman.*

I concur in the above.

M. SIMPSON.

IV. ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee to whom was referred the interest of the Tract Cause, having considered the subject, beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, that we will sum up all our past resolutions, and act upon them in the future.

F. M. SLUSSER.

D. T. SWEEM.

V. ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee would submit that they have given the Bible cause their serious consideration, and are sorry not to be able to present a more interesting report. Little comparatively has been collected on our charges for its circulation, and but little has been done in the way of systematic exploration and supply. Not but that there is a willingness on the part of our people to aid in this cause, for your Committee is convinced that the A. B. Society has no truer friends than the ministers of the Iowa Conference, and the people of our charges. It has not been for the want of disposition, but of ability. It is known that the failure of the crops for the past two years has cut off our resources. A great many of our people have not been able to procure the necessaries of life. But our heavenly Father has favored us this year with an abundant harvest, and we are encouraged to hope for a prosperous year for the Bible cause within our bounds. Your Committee submit the following resolutions;

1. That we most cordially invite the Agent to our several charges, and will most cheerfully co-operate with him in the collection of funds, and the circulation of the Bible.

2. That we tender to the A. B. S. our thanks for the indulgence granted our auxiliaries, and assure them that they still have our prayers and our sympathies.

J. GASSNER, *Chairman.*

VI. OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE OF THE I. W. UNIVERSITY.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: The Committee were all present on the second day of the examination, and attended regularly afterwards. The students all through gave evidence of thorough training. They had not merely committed their studies to memory, but they had evidently matured them. They had not been the idle receptacles of knowledge, but they had learned to think, and to work up the material they had acquired. The most prominent effect of the teaching upon the minds of the students seemed to be to develop the power of analysis. Answers to questions were given not only with readiness, but precision. The exhibitions compared well with those of older institutions of similar grade. That of the young ladies Society displayed ability fully equal to that of the gentlemen. Young ladies are reciting in all the college classes, and the last commencement exercises were distinguished by the presentation of a diploma to the first lady graduate. The co-education of ladies and gentlemen is no longer an experiment, but a complete success, and we think all our efforts in the cause of female education should be put forth in that direction.

Under the efficient administration of Dr. Elliott we think there has been a decided improvement in the financial management of the institution during the past year. The expenses have been so reduced that they are \$1.000 less than the income.

A. BUSSEY, *Chairman*.

VII. OF TREASURER OF CONF. MISS. SOCIETY.

For details of amounts paid by the circuits and stations this year, see the table of Statistics. (Secretary.)

Receipts:

Whole amount received from the circuits and stations	\$1 381 75
Received at Conference Anniversary	40 67
Of Dr. Elliott, annual subs. to C. M. S.	1 00
Collected on note of Rev. J. S. Rand	10 00
Aggregate	<u>\$1,433 42</u>

Payments:

Reported as postage on missionary documents	4 25
Sent to Cincinnati	29 50
New York	50 00
Paid by Asbury Chapel to Skunk River Miss.	53 50
University charge	20 00
Paid to J. Elrod to pay taxes on Real Estate of the Missionary Society	10 00
Loss in uncurrent money	16 00
Paid for printing missionary statistics in minutes of 1858	16 00
Paid to E. H. Waring for publication of missionary matter in the minutes of 1859	10 00
Cash paid to Bro. Swormstedt, Assistant Treasurer	1 223 17 1 433 42
Note on hand	5 00
Returned by order of the Society, T. E. Corkhill's note	35 00

I. A. BRADRICK, *Treasurer of I. C. M. S.*

VIII. OF COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCES OF THE I. W. U.

Your Committee beg leave to report: That in view of the stringency of the times fears were entertained that the number of Students would fall below that of last year, but in this we were happily disappointed. Our first term shows a small increase, which is certainly very encouraging. But while success is attending its efforts to afford educational facilities, it, in common with other Institutions, is suffering financially. Its debts are weighing it down. The whole indebtedness of the University is \$28 097. Of this amount there is a pressing demand for about \$12 000. Suit has already been commenced on the foreclosure of a mortgage on the college grounds and buildings in the sum of \$7 000. A decree will undoubtedly be obtained in April next, unless we compromise by making payment. Our entire assets, not including campus, buildings, or endowment funds, amount to something over \$20 000. But a very small part of this, however, can possibly be made available during the coming year, and to borrow money at heavy interest is a ruinous policy.

In view of these facts we ask you, brethren, for the love you have for the character of the M. E. Church, and the education of the rising youth, to come to its rescue. Many of you have given liberally, others would have, but for want of ability.

Your Committee are of the opinion that we have come short of making a direct appeal to our members generally. They need but be aroused to a sense of our position, and correctly informed as to our financial embarrassments, and we are safe. Who, brethren, can do this with more success than you? Let us remember that the University is ours. It is wholly dependant upon us. We stand pledged to the Church and the world to sustain it. If it goes down ours will be the disgrace. The time has fully come when something more than merely passing resolutions must be done. We must act, or before our next Conference meets we may have no University.

The question then is: Will we unitedly come to the rescue, and do all we can to save it? Your Committee propose the following resolutions:

1st. That the roll be called, and each preacher be requested to pledge himself to preach a sermon in each congregation of his charge, by the 15th of December next, on Education as connected with the University, and that he also make a personal appeal to each member of his charge, and endeavor to obtain an average of at least one dollar per member for the purpose of paying the debts that now exist.

2d. That each preacher report to the Agent or Executive Committee, by the 1st of January next, the amount obtained in his charge.

JOHN DARRAH, Sec'y.

IX. ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submit the following Report:

They are of opinion that however great the attention hitherto given to this important subject, it is small in comparison with the claims it so justly holds upon us as citizens of the State of Iowa, and members of the M. E. Church. Yet we are greatly encouraged when we see the amount of interest manifested by our people, and which certainly exists throughout the entire West and North-West. That amid the difficulties and privations attendant upon the settlement of a new country, they have laid the foundation for extensive scientific and literary training, guarded by such moral and religious restrictions as can but result in immense benefit to those who may fall within the range of its enlightening and refining influences.

There were placed in our hands, the Report of the Trustees of the Columbus Seminary, from which we learn that the work upon the new edifice is still going on, and that the building will be completed during the coming year.

We have also had placed in our hands certain papers pertaining to the Elliott Seminary in Burlington, and upon examination of their Articles of Incorporation, we find that the 5th Article proposes to make the Iowa Conference a part of that Corporation, which, in the judgment of your Committee, would be injurious to both them and ourselves. Therefore, we recommend that the Conference decline being made a part of such Corporation. Yet we would suggest that this Conference render the Elliott Seminary such encouragement as they may be able to, and such assistance as it may need; but in no case to incur pecuniary responsibility, or in anywise embarrass the interests they are already pledged to support.

In regard to the I. W. University, they are of the opinion that it does not receive the attention which its necessities or its interests demand. This Conference stands pledged in the most solemn manner, both before God and man, to sustain that Institution. Many persons hold claims against it.—Although they, themselves, do neither belong to our Church, nor even profess religion, yet such has been their confidence in the honesty and integrity of the M. E. Church in Iowa, that they have not hesitated to lend their money to erect our buildings, and carry on the enterprise. When the time of payment came, it failed to meet its obligations. But encouragement was given to those parties that when the Conference would meet, then ways and means would be devised for the payment of the current expenses, so that all collections might be applied upon their claims. In this the Conference concurred, and we gravely resolved two years ago to raise the amount necessary to meet the expenses for that year. But we did not fulfill our obligation. We resolved a second time, and a second time failed to keep our promise. Our creditors, who heretofore had reposed the utmost confidence in our integrity, began now to look askance at us. They became imperious in their demands. They waited, only to be disappointed. Suits were brought, and writs and warrants served upon the Institution through its agent.

Great as was our debt originally, it was now being largely increased by interest and costs of prosecution. But this is not all. As a Corporation, we solemnly promised that we would guard the Endowment Fund. In this, also, there is a seeming violation of faith. Our neglect to meet our engagement in raising the current expenses, made it necessary to use a part of the Endowment Fund to procure food and raiment for our Board of Instruction, so that we have thus become doubly guilty.

Your Committee recommend that this Conference carefully weigh the matter now, and if it be found that the present liabilities cannot be promptly met, nor the Institution honorably sustained, then it is due to the creditors that we apprise them of that fact, and let them proceed at once to dispose of it, and either close it up, or pass it into the hands of those who will sustain it.

But should we determine to adopt such measures as will relieve it of its embarrassments, then they recommend the continuance of Bro. Darrah, as Agent, to be employed in soliciting donations, collecting outstanding accounts, and selling scholarships, should the Corporators order it. Also, that this Conference respectfully request Bro. J. Kibbins, to assist in obtaining donations for its benefit.

They also recommend the appointment of the following Board of Visitors.
—See Summary.

T. E. CORKHILL, *Chairman.*

X. ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee beg leave to Report :

It affords us great pleasure to acknowledge the literary ability, and pure morality of our periodicals. God's gracious providence has superintended the growth and development of this powerful arm of our Evangelizing system. We acknowledge with gratitude, these mercies, and humbly implore the continued blessing of God upon those who are charged with the management of these interests.

We learn with regret that there has been a decline in the circulation of our periodicals within our bounds, during the past year. We well know the financial difficulties which have embarrassed our preachers and people, but we would have had the retrenchment in some less important items than that of religious reading. Such food for the mind should be furnished when it is at all possible.

The *Methodist Quarterly Review*, is published to meet a demand among our ministers and laymen, for a journal of the first order. It is conducted with distinguished ability, and merits a more extensive circulation.

The *Ladies' Repository*, has gained a reputation as a Family Magazine, inferior to none in this country. Its circulation is already large, but may be increased by suitable effort.

We regard the several weekly periodicals published by the Church as well worthy of the patronage of our membership, and of society at large. Our duty, and that of all the patronizing Conferences, to sustain the *Central Christian Advocate*, we regard as paramount. We regret to learn that its circulation is not yet sufficient to render it self-supporting. This is, however, the usual condition of our Church papers for the first few years of their existence, and while it is a source of regret, we see no reason for complaint in the present case. Its circulation is as large as was that of any of its predecessors at the same period of their publication. It has been favored the last year with a larger ratio of increase than any other paper of the Church, excepting the *Baltimore Advocate*. It is advancing with a slow but steady step, and, if fostered by the church, as its merits deserve, it will soon become a source of large income to the Book Concern. In the meantime we record our settled conviction that the importance of the paper, as an engine of usefulness in the Southwest, demands its continuation though at a temporary loss to the Church. It is our principal publication in that vast territory which we would bring under the peaceful reign of our blessed Master. In conclusion, we recommend the following resolutions :

1st. That we have full confidence in the integrity and uprightness of those to whom the immediate care of our periodicals is entrusted.

2d. That the Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, deserves, and hereby is tendered the warmest thanks of this Conference, for the honest, fearless, outspoken independence, which has characterized his course as Editor.

3d. That in him we recognize an able Editor, and an uncompromising foe of "the sum of all villainies."

4th. That while we will use proper diligence to place in each family of our congregations, one or more of our periodicals, we will make special effort on behalf of the *Central Christian Advocate*.

5th. That our delegates are hereby instructed to use their influence to secure the re-election of Rev. J. Brooks, as Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*.

6th. That T. E. Corkhill is hereby chosen a member of the publishing Committee at St. Louis, and Dr. Elliott of that at Chicago.

C. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

XI. ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee respectfully Report: We believe from the experience of the Church that the Sunday School enterprise is largely efficient in the conversion of souls, and that the rapidity of this age, and the increasing population of Southern Iowa, demand an increase of zeal and effort for the Sunday School cause. And we know of no other mode of religious instruction that would compensate our youth for the loss of this; therefore *Resolved*,

1st. That it is the duty of every preacher to exert himself zealously for this cause.

2d. That whenever possible he should be present in the Sunday Schools of his charge.

3d. That we most earnestly insist upon compliance with the section of our Discipline, which makes it the duty of preachers to raise moneys for the support of the M. E. S. S. Union.

E. H. WINANS, *Secretary*.

XII ON PARSONAGES.

Your Committee report as follows:

Each itinerant preacher learns from experience the great necessity of the Church providing a suitable house for the accommodation of his family. If no house is provided, when he arrives at his post, the embarrassments under which he labors become a serious impediment to the success of his labors. A glance at the statistics of parsonages in the bounds of our Conference shows the necessity of more attention being given to this enterprise. The whole number of parsonages in the Conference is 47, valued at \$22 775; leaving 65 appointments without parsonages. (*For details, see Statistics.—Sec'y.*)

From the estimated value of some of these improvements, they are a credit to the charges to which they belong. But many are too inferior to be comfortable, and ought to be exchanged for better houses, or sold, and others bought or built that would be comfortable to the occupants, and a credit to the Church.

Your Committee would not overlook the importance of suitable locations. We believe the stereotyped opinion of many of our people that a parsonage ought not to be near a Church, to be erroneous. Another mistake is to build a good house on a small lot, blocked in with houses, giving no room for the improvement of a yard in shrubbery, and suitable ground for garden purposes.

Considering these and other facts which might be named, your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1st. As members of the Iowa Conference we will urge our charges to secure by purchase, or donation, from the size of an ordinary town lot to five acres of land, for parsonage purposes.

2nd. We will use our influence to have all our parsonages built sufficiently large for the accommodation of an ordinary sized family.

3d. We will further recommend that these houses be supplied with all the heavy furniture necessary for the use of a family.

4th. That when we occupy parsonages we will leave them in as good condition as we found them, and if possible, make all necessary improvements.

W. F. COWLES, *Chairman*

XIII. On THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee would offer the following resolutions :

1st. That the Committee on the Minutes be requested to publish the financial plan, adopted at the last Conference.

2nd. That Dr. Elliott be appointed a Committee to obtain from B. H. Ambler, Prof. of Law in the I. W. U., a suitable form of Deed, to be used in securing Church property in our Conference. Also a proper form for the organization of Boards of Trustees, to have charge of church property.

3d. Whereas it is a painful fact that much valuable property, once in the possession of the Church, is now lost,

Resolved, that it be enjoined upon all our preachers not to sanction the sale of any Church property until every effort has been made to release it from debt. And not then without the sanction of the P. E. and Q. Conference.

FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

FIRST. There shall be a Financial Meeting of the Stewards and Leaders in each circuit and station, held the third Saturday after the close of the Annual Conference; the place of holding it to be fixed by the last Quarterly Meeting Conference for the year; the preacher in charge shall be chairman of the meeting.

SECOND. The Committee to estimate the fuel and table expenses, shall report to the financial meeting, (their report being subject to review by the Quarterly Conference,) the disciplinary allowance to the preacher, his wife and children, shall be added to the above estimate, also, dollars for the district, and the whole amount shall be divided among the several classes according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

THIRD. The Financial Meeting shall district the circuit or station among the Stewards, giving each one the number of classes he shall attend to during the year.

FOURTH. As soon as the above estimate and division are made, each Steward shall report to the classes in his district, the amount apportioned to them, and shall see that each class in his district appoint a Committee of their own number, who shall divide the amount among the several members; or, if the class so direct, shall raise the amount by subscription; but if neither of these measures be adopted, the Steward and Leader shall be a Committee to apportion to the members, the amount each shall contribute quarterly, to meet the claims on the class for the year.

FIFTH. The Stewards shall see that the Leaders in their districts, make application quarterly, to each member in their respective classes, for his, or her, quarterly contribution; and, to avoid errors in receiving and crediting money, the Leaders shall report in their classes, at least once a quarter, the name of each member, and the amount each one has paid, as credited on the class book.

SIXTH. Each Quarterly Conference shall inquire into the finances of the circuit or station, as follows: 1. The recording Steward shall call the name of each Leader and receive the quarterly contribution of his class; then state to the Conference the amount apportioned to that class, the amount received, and the deficiency or surplus, if any. 2. The Presiding Elder shall inquire at the same time, if the Stewards and Leaders have fully carried this plan into operation in the classes. 3. Whether there are any in the classes who are able, but refuse to contribute of their means, for the support of the gospel among them; and if there are any such, the reasons for their refusal. 4. Whether the local preachers and exhorters co-operate with the other officary in carrying into effect this financial system.

SEVENTH. At each Quarterly Meeting, the Stewards shall report the state of the finances in the circuit or station for the quarter, by stating the amount apportioned to each class, and the amount received, also, the deficiencies, if any; and they shall make the same report to each class in their respective districts, immediately after each Quarterly Meeting, and if there are deficiencies, shall take the most efficient measures to raise the amount at once.

EIGHTH. The preachers on the circuits and stations are respectfully requested to co-operate with the officary, in carrying this system of finance into operation, in all the classes within the bounds of their respective charges.

XIV. STEWARD'S REPORT. (SEE TABLE NO. I.)

XV. ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee respectfully report: That whereas, the Temperance cause is one in which all hearts and hands should be enlisted; and whereas, the Church cannot possibly accomplish her mission without regarding with deep interest the Temperance movements of the day; therefore, *Resolved*,

1st. That at least one sermon be preached annually, in such places as we deem it important, upon the subject; special care being taken to expose the frauds practiced in the manufacture of poisonous drinks.

2d. That we will prudently, yet faithfully labor to impress upon the minds of our people, the importance, and necessity of electing such men to represent us in our State Legislature, as are thoroughly sound in regard to the necessity of a law *entirely* prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

JOHN B. HILL, *Chairman*.

XVI. OBITUARIES.

REV. JOHN JAY, late of the Iowa Conference, was born in Logan County, Ohio, of Quaker parentage, in 1819; converted to God under the labors of Rev. J. H. Hull, of Indiana, in 1840; removed from thence to Mt Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa, in 1842. He was soon appointed class-leader, and in the course of a few months licensed to exhort, then to preach, and in 1845 recommended and received into this Conference, in which he remained until *called home*, January 1st, 1859.

Bro. Jay was a man, who, physically, mentally and morally, was adapted to the work to which he was called; devoting himself ardently to his loved employment; and in preaching, praying, singing, and other duties, he was alike ready and earnest. We think it will be cheerfully admitted that he filled his place in the ranks of the itinerant ministry with more than ordinary efficiency, and, as the result, he succeeded in enlarging and strengthening the Church of God. He was generally acceptable, much beloved, and went down to the grave with the confidence and affection of his brethren. He died from home, at his work—after a few days of severe sickness—with the armor on. He has left a widow and seven children to be cared for by the Church for which he so faithfully labored.

REV. SAMUEL CLARK, late of the Iowa Conf., was born about the beginning of the present century, in Frederick Co., Va.

His father and mother were among the first and most devoted members of the M. E. Church in the old Baltimore Conference. Blessed with such parentage, Samuel was early led to the feet of the Savior, where he found

peace in believing on the Lord Jesus. Having been duly authorised to preach the Gospel, according to the order of Methodism, he was admitted on trial in the Baltimore Conf., in 1821. His first appointment was to East Wheeling, Va., then almost a wilderness, with Rev. Daniel Hitt, for his P. E., and Rev. Jesse Lee, preacher-in-charge. His second year in the Conference he was associated with Rev. Gerard Morgan, father of the brothers Morgan, of the Baltimore Conference. In 1823, he was appointed to Hagerstown cir., Md., with Rev J. M. Hanson for his colleague. In 1824 he was appointed to Frederick cir., Md., under Beverly Waugh, afterwards Bishop Waugh. Thus it will be seen that Bro. C. was greatly blessed in his early associations in the ministry, having the example, counsel, and instruction of the very first class of ministers with which the Church in America has been blessed. Here, doubtless, was laid that deep and strong foundation of logical knowledge and evangelism which subsequently sustained, for many years, a ministry much above the ordinary type.

In 1825 he was appointed in charge of Staunton cir, Va.; in 1826 to Hancock, Md., with Nathaniel B. Mills; in 1827 to Gettysburg, Pa., with George Hildt; 1828 Lancaster, Va., with R. Jordan, 1829 returned with C. Parkinson; 1830 to Leesburg station, Va., to which he was returned in 1831. In 1832 he received a supernumerary relation, and was appointed to Berkeley cir., Va., in company with Wm. Monroe. In 1833 he took no regular work, and in 1834 he located. Here the active labors of Bro. C. ceased in the Conference where he had been brought up, and he retired with the confidence, and affection of the eminent and godly men with whom he had been so pleasantly associated.

He removed with his family to Ohio, and in 1836 was admitted to the Ohio Conference and appointed to Washington, with Edmund Estell; in 1837 to Urbana, with the late Rev. G. W. Walker; to which place he was returned the following year, with James Smith. In 1839 he was appointed to Springfield, with Wm. Young; in 1840 to South Charleston, with Geo. Gonzales. This was his last appointment in the Ohio Conference.

In it, as in the Baltimore Conference, he ranked among the strongest pulpit men, and he retired with the friendship and prayers of many of the first men of Ohio accompanying him,

Having located in 1841, he immediately arranged his business, and once more emigrated to the frontier, settling in Van Buren Co., Iowa Territory, then known more generally, as the Black Hawk purchase. Here he remained variously employed, arranging a home for his family, and preaching to the new settlers as opportunity offered, until the autumn of 1844, when, at the first session of the Iowa Conference, he was re-admitted, and appointed to Pittsburg circuit. In 1845 and 1846 he was stationed at Fort Madison. In 1847 he superannuated in consequence of declining health. From this time until his release by death, he was more or less disabled by ill health. He, however, continued "visiting the churches", as his strength would allow, and aiding at Quarterly and Camp meetings, and thus continuing to bless the Church with his mature christian advice and instruction.

In the year 1850, he was made effective, and appointed to Birmingham cir., with Rev. H. Gibson, and he was reappointed there the succeeding year. In 1852 and 1853 he was stationed at West Point. In 1854 he had charge of New London circuit. At the Conference held in Keokuk in 1855 he was appointed Conference Missionary, and subsequently received an appointment from the Colonization Society, as their Agent in the States of Iowa and Wisconsin. In this position he continued until his death. During his agency he delivered many of the most effective lectures and sermons of his life. So far from evincing any mental decay at this period, we had in him a most striking and convincing example of the superiority of mind over

matter, and of the ability of the human soul to rise above the disease and decay of the physical frame, and luxuriate amid the beauties and glories of a higher region. These discourses produced a most profound impression upon the communities where they were delivered, and long will the memory of their author live in the hearts of the people of Southern Iowa.

The death of Brother C. took place at the house of a friend, a few miles from his home, in Van Buren Co., Iowa, Feb. 9th, 1857, whither he had gone in the discharge of his Master's business. His end was peace. He died a good man, and able minister of the New Testament, full of years, and full of labors. "His works do follow him" and he "though dead yet speaketh" to cheer on the toilsome itinerants in their work and labor of love. While delivering a flaming exhortation in the city of Keosauqua a few years before his death, when he expected soon to cross "the Jordan", with one arm paralysed by his side, he cried out to the "old soldiers," "Come, we have shown the world how to live, now let us show them how to die! And so he did. Look on, young christians, and young ministers, and see that venerable man of God, who had gone up and down for nearly forty years, "preaching Jesus and the resurrection" to thousands from the Atlantic to the western borders of civilization, now falling with his armor on, battling to the last. See how majestically he falls—falls at his post—falls covered with victory—falls into the arms of Jesus!

Samuel Clark was not a man of genius, but did possess powers of mind which, in the field of usefulness, made him to rank high as a public speaker and gospel minister. He was a man of keen logical powers, jealous for the purity of the Church, and an able defender of her doctrines. He was a formidable opponent in debate, but tempered his pointed arguments with the kindness and generosity of a Methodist preacher, and the charity of a Christian Minister. He died in peace and rests in Jesus.

N. B. This memoir should have been published in 1857.—Sec'r.

IOWA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Anniversary of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society, for the year 1859, was held in the O. S. Presbyterian Church, Muscatine, on Thursday evening, Sept. 8th, 1859, Rev. A. Bussey, Prest., in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Z. H. Coston.

The following brethren were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year :

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	REV. J. GASSNER.
<i>V. President,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	" F. H. CAREY.
<i>Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	" J. BURGESS.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	" W. A. PILE.

Managers, Revds. S. Haines, C. Woolsey, A. Robinson, A. C. Barnhart, G. H. Clark, A. Badley.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer, Rev. I. A. Bradrick, was presented, read and accepted.

Rev A. Poe and Dr. C. Elliott then addressed the audience. The annual collection was lifted, and the audience was dismissed with the benediction.

The following persons were constituted members of the Parent or Conference Missionary Societies during the year; the former by the payment of twenty and the latter of five dollars each, at one time.

Parent Society: S. H. Bradley, R. W. Alexander, Mrs. Ann E. Ecket, Rev. L. L. Hamline, Mrs. Emma Cook, West Point M. E. Ch. S. S., W. A. Cook, Martha Howbert, Rev. E. L. Belden, H. R. Petefish, Eliza M. Petefish.

Conference Society: Mrs. M. J. A. Kelly, Rev. S. Moore and wife, Juvenile M. S., University, Dover S. S., F. Paulk, M. F. Burket, J. G. Gilham, A. Alexander, Matilda E. Power, Rev. G. N. Power, U. H. Gill, Malinda H. Smith, Frank H. Scott, W. H. More, J. M'D. Ingalls, Ida F. Ingalls, Silas Scott, Virginia E. SeEVERS, V. M. Lyster, Nancy M. Simpson, Lucy A. Cassady, Matilda E. Soehlinger, Philip Myers, Emeline Laubach, W. B. H. Wilson, Mrs. E. L. Worthington, Mrs. M. Lucas, Charles Patterson, Eliza W. Farlow, Eliza A. Petefish, Annie J. Robinson, Harriet Rogers, Thomas Foster, Adam Goodson, U. E. Brown, Susan Anderson, Mrs. N. Crosthwait, Alf. M. Henderson, Mrs. E. B. Haynes, S. M. Shepperd, Rev. J. C. Read, Rev. Jno. Reynolds, Rev. J. J. Cozad, G. R. Stover, Rev. Jas. Haynes, Mrs. M. P. Henderson, Madison A. Richards, Mrs. P. Russel, Mrs. Dixon, J. M. Dixon, Mrs. Wright, J. C. Brown, Geo. E. Griffith, J. B. Albee, Rev. H. Moss, Rev. R. W. H. Brent, Rev. H. H. Wilson, Mrs. Mary J. Hill.

As detailed reports of Missionary Collections were furnished from only three charges, I have thought best to omit them altogether.

Signed, EDMUND H. WARING, *Sec'y.*

Table No. 1, Steward's Report.

Charges and Preachers.	Quart'r's	Table Expenses.	House Rent.	Traveling Expenses.	Whole Claim.	Receipts.	Deficiency
KEOKUK DISTRICT, M. Miller,	200	275	175	12	662	525	137
" Exchange st., E. L. Briggs,	356	...	52	25	433	333	100
" Chatham sq., T E. Corkhill,	310	460	180	42	992	992	...
Montrose, J. W. Latham,	200	140	36	..	376	356	20
Farmington, J F. Goolman,	232	158	24	10	424	233	190
Bentonsport, } C. Morey,	225	206	60	13	513	272	241
} G. W. Byrkit,	...	...	...	..	150	94	56
Birmingham, J. Craig,	280	245	...	80	555	555	...
Keosauqua, J. Gassner,	264	236	...	18	500	365	135
Troy, L. T. Rowley,	304	200	...	5	509	509	...
Pittsburgh, G. W. Conrad,	100	100	...	25	225	225	...
Vernon, R. Mulholland,	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Libertyville, W. C. Shippen,	216	235	...	..	451	270	181
Sugar Creek, J. Graham.	200	100	...	..	300	285	15

Keokuk District paid 82½ per cent of the claims.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT, J H. Power,	200	426	130	44	800	532	268
" Old Zion, J. Harris,	224	426	...	50	700	700	...
" Ebenezer, I. A. Bradrick,	216	300	84	..	600	470	130
Fort Madison, H. W. Thomas,	216	125	40	22	428	365	63
Denmark, A. S. Prather,	200	38	12	5	255	205	50
West Point, G N. Power,	200	200	..	3	403	314	89
Augusta, } J. G. Thompson,	200	200	..	..	400	371	29
} M B. Wayman,	150	...	..	..	150	129	21
New London, H. Gibson,	256	470	..	..	726	332	394
Dodgeville, L. P. Crowell,	...	...	..	..	...	...	...
Kossuth, E. H. Waring,	264	226	..	10	500	500	...
Wapello, I. McClaskey,	224	228	48	..	500	333	167
Burriss City, C. G. Milnes,	100	25	..	..	125	125	...

Burlington District paid 77½ per cent of the claims.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT, E. W. Twining,	232	147	100	40	519	392	127
" sta., D. Worthington,	304	259	120	17	700	650	50
" cir., } J. B. Hill,	256	169	75	..	500	442	58
} E. Miller,	100	50	...	..	150	133	17
Grandview, G. W. Friend,	344	140	...	10	494	321	173
Oakdale, J. H. McCutchen,	240	250	...	22	512	370	142
Blue Grass, } A. W. Stryker,	320	160	...	20	500	500	...
} W. W. Orris,	85	...	...	..	85	85	...
West Liberty, C. P. Reynolds,	280	192	...	..	472	316	156
Richmond, } J. T. Simmons,	248	202	...	..	450	280	170
} S. F. C. Garrison,	150	...	...	..	150	86	64
Washington sta., W. Dennet,	200	200	100	...	500	500	...
" cir., J. Elrod,	256	194	40	15	465	340	125
North Bend, W. Poston,	232	168	48	..	488	312	176
Harrisburgh, W. A. Watson,	50	...	...	..	50	40	10
Talleyrand, supply,	100	...	...	..	100	100	...

Muscatine District paid 78½ per cent of the claims.

Mt. PLEASANT, J. M'Dowell,	200	250	150	40	640	453	187
" Asbury, P. P. Ingalls,	232	518	...	..	750	750	...
" University, M. H. Hare,	256	344	...	..	600	600	...
" cir., A. J. Kirkpatrick,	280	395	...	15	690	690	...
Salem, } W. A. Pile,	248	252	...	..	500	242	258
} D. Murphy,	100	75	...	..	175	87	88
Glasgow, O. C. Shelton,	225	275	...	..	500	375	125
Fairfield, S. Haines,	216	384	...	29	529	529	...
Brookville, M. See,	280	220	50	20	557	303	254
Brighton, J. R. Carey,	296	211	...	25	532	332	200
Marshall, P. F. Holtzinger,	264	200	...	15	479	275	204
Crawfordsville, H. Crellin,	200	150	25	..	375	262	112

Mt. Pleasant District paid 90 per cent of the claims.

ALBIA DISTRICT, J. Q. Hammond,	200	225	125	50	600	450	150
" cir., I. P. Teeter,	248	202	...	..	450	397	53
Centerville, G. H. Clark,	216	180	...	15	411	312	99
Belle Air, J. H. Hopkins,	150	...	...	..	150	111	39
Unionville, T. D. Boyles,	280	175	30	12	497	349	148
Drakeville, T. Audas,	...	...	...	..	394	345	49
Bloomfield, S. Hestwood,	304	225	65	..	594	535	39
Springville, J. Burgess,	264	185	18	35	502	386	116
Florice, F. H. Carey,	240	160	...	..	400	400	...
Agency City, R. B. Allender,	280	250	...	..	530	530	...
Ottumwa, F. W. Evans,	216	184	100	10	510	510	...
Chillicothe, J. Paul,	200	140	...	..	340	270	70
Hamilton, D. T. Sweem,	280	100	...	..	380	130	250
Blakesburgh, A. Robinson,	264	231	75	..	570	209	361

Albia District paid 78 per cent of the claims.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT, W. Simpson,	262	328	100	10	700	507	192
" sta., W. F. Cowles,	280	320	...	..	600	600	...
Eddyville, I. I. Stewart,	280	235	60	25	600	440	160
Fremont, J. Jay,	200	200	...	..	400	120	280
Sigourney, A. C. Barnhart,	216	200	72	16	504	467	37
Millersburgh, } B. Shinn,	232	150	...	..	382	262	120
} L. B. Gordon,	200	250	50	10	519	277	233
Marengo, F. M. Slusser,	232	315	...	10	557	457	100
Montezuma, D. W. Robinson,	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Indianapolis, B. Holland,	264	150	...	11	425	350	75
Peoria, S. S. Gruber,	216	200	...	..	416	155	261
Pella, P. F. Bresee,	265	201	...	..	466	413	53
Attica, G. W. Bamford,	...	...	...	..	407	344	63
Grinnell, A. Orr,	200	150	25	6	371	225	146
Galesburg,	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Rochester, G. Clemmer,	100	50	...	..	150	143	7

Oskaloosa District paid 70 1-5 per cent of the claims.

DES MOINES DISTRICT, J. B. Hardy,	240	95	36	20	391	256	135
" sta., G. B. Jocelyn,	264	504	200	100	969	969	...
East Des Moines, A. C. McDonald,	232	390	125	3	750	601	149
Adel, A. W. Johnston,	240	120	...	9	369	225	144
Winterset, T. M. Goodfellow,	256	...	...	..	256	200	56
Indianola, J. Haynes,	216	200	...	10	426	426	...
Lawrenceburgh, J. W. Conrad,	232	150	...	..	400	275	125
Hartford, A. Laubach,	304	300	...	10	614	460	154
Knoxville, A. Badley,	256	200	60	10	466	434	31
Rising Sun, H. H. Badley,	288	250	...	16	554	554	...
Greencastle, A. H. Murphy,	216	151	20	..	387	90	297
Newton, E. M. H. Fleming,	240	300	...	..	540	540	...
Monroe, E. Wood,	248	268	48	7	578	397	161
Panora, M. Carrier,	240	95	56	20	391	256	135
Wheeling, L. A. Smith,	280	200	48	12	530	358	172
Beaver, J. W. Todd,	100	40	...	..	140	140	...

Des Moines District paid 78½ per cent of the claims.

CHARITON DISTRICT, R. S. Robinson,	312	203	75	30	630	505	125
" sta., A. Bussey,	272	275	75	26	622	344	278
" miss., B. F. Williams,	240	150	75	..	465	326	139
Brooklyn, J. B. Rawls,	240	...	..	..	240	144	96
New Virginia, J. W. Anderson,	264	147	25	10	446	321	125
Oceola, E. H. Winans,	200	175	..	17	387	387	...
Smyrna, E. T. Coiner,	206	125	..	..	341	250	91
Afton, B. Mitchell,	200	170	..	30	400	400	...
Mt. Ayer, C. F. Spooner,	276	...	..	..	276	166	110
Decatur, D. Thompson,	100	50	..	17	167	148	18
Leon, J. Delay,	280	200	70	..	550	375	175
Corydon, W. C. Williams,	...	...	..	..	...	...	...
Lagrange, J. Sherwood,	200	150	..	48	398	190	208
Newbern, T. Dixon,	275	200	..	9	484	213	271

Chariton District paid 60 per cent of the claims.

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT, J. Guylee,	280	500	100	..	880	520	360
" sta., R. M. Donahue,	100	200	..	16	316	316	....
Glenwood, I. Burns,	...	...	..	..	...	...	....
Loudon, S. Brooks,	...	...	..	..	...	...	....
Sidney, C. Woolsey,	216	200	..	..	416	416	....
Clarinda, D. P. Cole,	...	...	..	..	...	...	....
Lewis and Audubon, J. M. Rust,	216	350	..	..	566	100	466
Magnolia, J. S. Rand,	225	325	..	10	565	280	285
Bedford, W. S. Peterson,	216	300	..	85	601	250	351
Quincy, W. Howbart,	296	249	48	13	606	606	....
Beuna Vista, J. M. Baker,	248	264	36	..	548	296	252
Pacific City, D. H. Petefish,	216	175	..	..	391	200	191
Harlan, supply,	...	...	..	..	....	....	....

Council Bluffs District paid 61 per cent of the claims.

AGGREGATE.

Claims. Recp's. Defi's.

52,776 | 50,547, | 12,229.

The average receipts of the Conference were 76½ per cent of the claims.

Claims of Effective Preachers,.....\$52,776.
 Claims of Superannuates, Widows and Orphans,..... 828.

Total,\$53,604.

Received by payments from Circuits, &c.,.....\$40,547.00

Fifth Collection,..... 51.33

Chartered Fund,..... 25.00=\$40,623.33.

Total Deficiency,\$12,980.67.

Collected for Beneficiaries of the Conference \$74,85, which was divided as follows:

Claimants,	Claim.	Dividend.	Deficiency,
Mrs. Arrington and Children,	148	13.40	134.60
" Clark " "	124	11.23	112.77
" Berry " "	172	15.57	156.43
" Jameson and Child,	124	11.23	112.77
" Jay and Children,	236	21.87	214.13
Bro. Ockerman's Child,	24	2.17	21.83

From the above it will be seen that the dividend, to the Widows and Orphans, is only about 9 per cent on their claims.

S. HAINES,
 M. H. HARE,
 F. H. CAREY. } Stewards.

Table No. 2. STATISTICS.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									
	Members,	Deaths,	Probation'rs	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Collected for Con. Claim.	Collected for Missions	Collected for Tract Soc'y	Collected for Bible Society	Collected for S. S. Union.	No. of Sun-day Schools.	No. of Offi-cers & Teach.	No. of Scholars	No. Volumes in Libraries	No. of Bible Classes	No. in Infant Classes	Expenses for the year	S. S. Advo-cates taken	No. of Conversions
Keokuk, Exchange St.....	108	2	15	.....	12	3	1	\$ 5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	200	275	18	40	\$ 45.10	100	.....
“ Chatham Sq.....	150	2	5	1	12	9	1	15,000	.....	.....	\$1.00	\$27.50	.....	.....	.....	1	15	215	1150	3	45	35.00	40	23
Montrose,.....	93	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	19	155	310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farmington,.....	223	1	30	1	24	10	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	4	51	180	335	1	.....	25.59	58	5
Bentonsport,.....	299	3	22	4	2	7	4	6,600	.....	.....	.....	2 14	.....	11.00	.....	8	85	304	985	1	58	5.00	80	2
Blrmingham,.....	300	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	150	400	3	.....	.....	16	.....
Keosauqua,.....	180	2	4	1	.....	.....	1	3,000	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	27	194	338	4	35	18.00	25	1
Troy,.....	275	2	25	4	10	8	1	1,000	1	500	.....	4 35	.....	.....	.....	5	52	210	485	4	5	.....	22	15
Pittsburgh,.....	137	.....	42	1	20	2	1	900	.....	.....	.....	4.20	.....	.....	.....	4	37	77	587	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernon,.....	200	1	18	2	35	6	1	200	.....	.....	.....	5.55	.....	.....	.....	4	39	150	720	2	.....	20.00	.....	.....
Libertyville,.....	200	2	14	4	.....	.....	1	300	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	24	120	300	2	18	5.00	.....	.....
Sugar Creek,.....	256	5	55	2	17	21	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	49	268	924	3	.....	13.00	.....	14
Total,	2421	20	309	20	132	66	14	\$35,500	8	\$1,300	\$1.00	\$50.74	.....	11.00	.....	44	448	2223	6809	43	201	\$164.69	291	60

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington, Old Zion,.....	160	3	3	1	4	15	1	\$ 8000	1	\$1,500	.....	\$15.00	.....	11.00	1.00	1	22	100	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ Ebenezer,.....	108	3	6	.....	.....	.....	1	14000	.....	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	1	12	173	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ft. Madison,.....	80	.....	5	.....	17	23	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	80	300	.....	.....	.....	40	6
Denmark,.....	108	4	22	1	19	5	1	200	.....	.....	.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....	4	20	76	415	1	10	\$ 40.00	.....	.....
West Point,.....	161	.....	10	.....	27	5	1	2500	1	500	\$2.85	35.00	.....	.....	.....	3	30	300	500	2	35	21.00	30	37
Augusta,.....	396	3	17	2	90	25	4	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	70	350	600	4	20	60.00	90	40
New London,.....	200	.....	30	7	15	12	2	2000	1	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	43	232	390	2	40	.....	50	.....
Dodgeville,.....	180	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1200	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	40	300	350	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kossuth,.....	146	2	.....	1	.....	3	2½	3600	1	700	.....	31.77	.....	30.00	.....	1	13	40	205	3	10	10.00	32	.....
Wapello,.....	141	2	9	3	5	.....	2	5000	.....	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	3	30	125	300	6	10	.....	.....	2
Burris City,.....	50	.....	14	2	3	6	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	40	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,.....	1720	17	116	18	180	94	17½	\$ 42800	5	\$3,750	\$2.85	105.02	.....	41.00	1.00	30	307	1816	4090	19	125	\$135.00	242	95

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	NUMBERS.		BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Collected for Con. Claim's	Collected for Missions	Collected for Tract Soc'y	Collected for Bible Society	Collected for S. S. Union	No. of Sun-day Schools	No. of Off-icers & Teach.	No. of Scholars	No. Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	No. in Infant Classes	Expenses for the year	S. S. Advo-cates taken	No. of Conversions
Muscatine, Station,.....	204	3	5	2	3	5	1	\$ 7000	.....	.....	.....	60.00	.....	46.00	.....	1	26	210	850	5	30	\$ 41.67	36	.....
“ Circuit,.....	295	3	55	6	11	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.55	.....	.....	.....	4	47	178	786	16	46	38.68	68	.....
Grandview,.....	184	1	44	3	22	20	1	600	1	500	\$ 1.00	1.25	.....	.....	.....	2	33	182	150	2	32	4.51	.....	18
Oakdale,.....	110	4	14	3	.....	10	2	1500	1	600	.....	14.75	.....	.....	.....	5	40	200	300	5	50	10.00	60	.....
Blue Grass,.....	180	4	50	1	20	25	2	3000	1	1000	2.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	2	20	80	450	.....	.....	20.00	15	.....
West Liberty,.....	204	1	24	.....	12	8	1	775	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	29	100	345	.....	.....	.....	43	.....
Richmond,.....	253	6	30	1	31	28	2	2500	1	25	.....	16.50	.....	.....	.....	6	35	210	510	3	90	20.02	42	22
Washington, Station,.....	150	.....	11	1	15	10	1	7000	.....	.....	.....	17.70	.....	.....	.....	1	23	170	541	5	61	40.00	70	.....
“ Circuit,.....	276	4	53	5	30	25	3	3000	1	600	.....	44.50	.....	.....	.....	7	70	300	450	7	35	15.00	4	35
North Bend,.....	116	2	23	.....	14	6	1	1800	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	25	105	350	4	32	.....	10	.....
Harrisburgh,.....	67	2	10	1	1	5	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Talleyrand,.....	110	1	10	2	30	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	60	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,	2150	31	329	25	189	164	15	27475	5	\$ 2725	\$ 5.00	202.25	.....	46.00	....	37	358	1795	4782	47	376	\$189.88	350	75

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury,....	371	3	22	5	32	1	1	12000	1	\$ 800	.....	111.50	.....	.....	.....	2	46	300	500	4	80	.....	150	10
" University	237	2	13	8	14	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.45	.....	.....	.....	1	25	200	700	3	50	\$ 25.00	100	25
" Circuit, ..	522	10	32	12	82	60	5	4200	.....	.....	.....	80.00	.....	50.00	\$ 12	8	125	280	1120	16	120	40.00	62	30
Salem,.....	385	6	10	8	20	15	1	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	75	300	600	2	30	30.00	10	15
Glasgow,.....	360	1	90	5	20	20	3	1300	.....	.....	.....	6.73	.....	.....	.....	6	60	329	775	.....	.....	.85	.....	.....
F irfield,.....	266	3	36	1	17	2	1	3200	1	1200	.....	84.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brookville,.....	330	.....	15	2	50	20	3	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	70	370	540	2	60	9.50	20	25
Brighton,.....	364	2	44	7	6	10	3	3000	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	81	554	745	6	.....	15.00	10	.....
Marshall,.....	200	3	20	6	2	10	2	4500	1	1000	.....	15.50	.....	.....	.....	3	44	180	439	7	5	12.00	56	.....
Crawfordsville,.....	387	5	13	4	5	8	2	2500	1	500	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	6	58	405	882	5	.....	50.00	100	7
Total,.....	3422	35	295	58	248	156	21	34400	5	\$ 4100	.....	342.31	.....	50.00	\$ 12	47	474	2918	4301	45	345	182.35	508	112

ALBIA DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	Members	Deaths	Probation'rs	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Collected for Con. Claims.	Collected for Missions	Collected for Tract Soc'y	Collected for Bible Society	Collected for S. S. Union	No. of Sun-day Schools	No. of Offi-cers & Teach.	No. of Scholars	No. Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	No. in Infant Classes	Expenses for the year	S. S. Advo-cates taken	No. of Conversions
Albia,	150	.....	18	3	1	.....	1	\$ 600	1	\$ 600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	70	150	1	.....	\$ 15.00	40	.....
Centreville,.....	193	1	17	5	13	16	1	800	1	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	21	111	270	.....	.....	21.00	25	4
Bellair,	300	1	100	1	18	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	12	100	20	.....	20	5.00	.....	.....
Unionville,.....	216	1	14	6	12	9	2	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drakesville,.....	200	1	32	3	15	8	2	1000	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield,.....	143	2	4	1	4	16	1	2500	.....	.....	\$ 5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	121	600	2	27	62.00	.....	.....
Springville,.....	300	1	20	2	25	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 4.50	100.00	1.69	.....	1.69	4	20	300	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florice,	126	2	23	3	7	.....	.....	.....	1	150	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	1	4	25	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Agency Clty,.....	314	5	23	4	18	27	3	5000	1	850	.....	17.50	.....	.....	.....	6	70	615	1220	4	.....	5.00	20	31
Ottumwa,	125	1	8	1	5	15	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	80	375	2	.....	15.00	24	.....
Chillicothe,.....	157	4	17	4	4	15	1	1200	1	50	.....	3.75	.....	.....	.....	2	22	200	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton,	233	2	35	4	40	25	2	600	1	200	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	4	30	140	360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blakesburgh,.....	236	2	21	1	.....	5	3	2800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	31	177	150	9	39	.....	1	.....
Total,	2693	23	332	38	162	182	17	22000	7	\$ 2500	\$ 4.50	138.25	1.69	.....	1.69	30	269	2009	3825	18	86	123.00	110	35

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oskaloosa,	228	1	25	.....	6	10	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 2000	.....	35.00	.....	.....	.....	1	23	150	500	3	.....	.....	39	.....
Eddyville,	367	7	40	6	12	15	2	2000	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	.....	.....	1.00	5	50	300	500	6	63	\$ 20.00	25	5
Fremont,	265	.....	20	2	.....	8	9	1800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	25	120	255	9	6	16.50	15	.....
Sigourney,	147	2	25	1	9	6	1	1000	1	300	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	4	37	168	500	3	34	.....	10	16
Millersburgh,	227	1	41	1	21	.....	1	700	1	400	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	3	16	80	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marengo,	285	1	22	2	9	5	.....	.....	1	800	1.00	5.00	1.00	50.00	1.00	8	66	306	996	8	.....	89.00	120	.....
Montezuma,	120	1	15	.....	.....	.....	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	100	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indianapolis,	194	2	23	4	4	12	.....	.....	1	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	211	500	2	16	20.00	.....	15
Peoria,	228	2	29	7	.....	10	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	110	135	2	3	.....	.....	.....
Pella,	79	.....	9	.....	6	4	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	60	.....	1	.....	.....	25	.....
Attica,	455	3	25	3	48	35	1	1000	1	300	5.00	14.00	.....	.....	.....	5	45	250	175	.....	15	11.00	.....	6
Grinnell,	140	1	36	6	10	8	1	300	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	1	7	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Galesburgh,	103	.....	30	.....	24	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.05	.....	.....	.....	3	24	105	230	.....	13	.....	.....	5
Rochester,	85	2	11	3	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	29	155	505	3	40	30.72	.....	.....
Total,	2033	23	351	35	107	120	13	14900	6	\$ 3950	26.00	141.05	1.00	50.00	2.00	44	396	2148	4246	37	190	187.22	284	47

DES MOINES DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.		NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									
		Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Churches	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Collected for Con. Claims.	Collected for Missions	Collected for Tract Soc'y	Collected for Bible Society	Collected for S. S. Union	No. of Sun-day Schools	No. of Officers & Teach.	No. of Scholars	No. Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	No. in Infant Classes	Expenses for the year	S. S. Advocates taken	No. of Conversions
Des Moines,	142	2	64	2	2	2	1	\$ 8000	.....	.....	.....	16.88	.....	46.00	.....	1	25	176	.....	3	68	\$ 25.77	58	25
East Des Moines,.....	62	1	47	1	20	9	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	16.85	.....	35.00	.....	1	17	126	327	1	.....	15.00	50	8
Adel,.....	165	2	49	3	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.00	.....	.....	.....	4	30	146	475	.....	.....	5.00	22	.....
Winterset,.....	269	.....	21	4	17	11	1	1300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	95	108	1	.....	50.00	.....	.....
Indianola,.....	164	3	22	5	19	5	1	5000	1	\$ 600	.....	92.05	.....	22.00	.....	2	39	200	500	24	49	11.75	77	24
Lawrenceburgh, .	247	2	125	2	14	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.10	.....	.....	.....	5	51	194	554	1	.....	15.00	27	.....
Hartford,.....	347	9	67	8	34	15	2	1800	1	300	\$ 8.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	8	80	400	1600	20	200	15.00	20	.....
Knoxville,.....	308	2	29	3	10	6	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	8.50	.....	2.50	.....	3	53	243	700	5	.....	25.00	82	6
Rising Sun,.....	324	8	123	10	100	15	3	4000	1	300	.....	51.15	.73	2.00	.....	9	45	500	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greencastle.....	187	1	10	2	3	3	.....	.....	1	150	.....	4.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton,.....	122	1	22	1	10	10	1	1500	1	1500	.....	25.50	.....	.....	.....	1	20	100	300	1	20	7.00	11	2
Monroe,	152	4	13	4	2	4	2	1500	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	1	8	45	150	2	15	.....	26	.....
Panora,.....	142	1	45	2	12	9	1	600	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	4	34	155	333	1	40	25.35	1	.....
Wheeling,	246	2	189	3	53	9	2	600	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	3	15	75	100	2	15	15.00	2	10
Beaver,.....	207	1	78	2	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 95	.....	.....	.....	5	55	198	505	2	15	3.65	2	.....
Total,.....	3029	39	849	52	812	115	16	81300	5	1850	\$ 8.00	322.04	.73	103.00	4.50	48	457	2553	6538	43	417	213.56	328	75

CHARITON DISTRICT.

Chariton, Station,.....	87	2	18	1	10	8	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 150	.....	\$ 2.50	.....	.....	.....	1	14	8	200	10	2	\$ 10.00	20	75
Chariton, Mission,.....	159	.....	45	4	11	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 45	.....	.....	.....	5	45	186	265	21	31	10.00	37	.....
Brooklyn,.....	231	1	11	2	4	8	1	600	1	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	100	200	11	8	.....	.....	.....
New Virginia,.....	195	2	27	4	18	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oceola,.....	102	1	27	1	13	5	1	2300	1	400	\$ 2.50	6.0	.50	.....	.....	2	26	114	400	4	20	26.00	10	12
Smyrna,.....	124	.....	22	3	.....	3	1	75	1	150	.....	9.03	.....	.....	.....	4	8	125	278	8	20	20.00	11	.....
Afton,.....	150	1	25	5	15	10	.....	.....	1	500	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3	30	100	150	.....	.....	35.00	20	2
Mount Ayr,.....	167	1	43	2	5	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	16	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur,.....	143	2	18	3	30	6	1	800	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	4	35	141	350	6	25	32.00	.....	.....
Leon,.....	230	1	78	7	20	10	1	1530	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	9	50	200	500	7	18	6.00	34	30
Corydon,.....	335	2	70	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	25	150	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lagrange,.....	244	2	6	3	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	45	150	100	3	50	10.00	14	7
Newbern,.....	239	2	20	2	3	34	1	600	1	200	.....	3.30	.....	.....	.....	5	58	249	543	4	.....	14.00	9	.....
Total,.....	2376	17	410	43	135	126	7	\$ 6,875	6	\$ 1650	\$ 2.50	48.16	.50	43	387	1686	3286	69	196	163.00	155	96

ALBIA DISTRICT.

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Albia,	150	18	3	1	1	\$ 600	1	\$ 600	1	9	70	150	\$ 15.00	40
Centreville,.....	193	1	17	5	13	16	1	800	1	350	2	21	111	270	21.00	25	4
Bellair,.....	300	1	100	1	18	16	3	12	100	20	20	5.00
Unionville,.....	216	1	14	6	12	9	2	2500	1	8	20
Drakesville,.....	200	1	32	3	15	8	2	1000	1	300	1	3	50	50
Bloomfield,	143	2	4	1	4	16	1	2500	1	25	121	600	2	27	62.00
Springville,.....	300	1	20	2	25	30	\$ 4.50	100.00	1.69	1.69	4	20	300	400
Florice,.....	126	2	23	3	7	1	150	5.00	1	4	25	80
Agency City,.....	314	5	23	4	18	27	3	5000	1	850	17.50	6	70	615	1220	4	5.00	20	31
Ottumwa,.....	125	1	8	1	5	15	1	5000	1	14	80	375	2	15.00	24
Chillicothe,.....	157	4	17	4	4	15	1	1200	1	50	3.75	2	22	200	150
Hamilton,.....	233	2	35	4	40	25	2	600	1	200	7.00	4	30	140	360
Blakesburgh,.....	236	2	21	1	5	3	2800	3	31	177	150	9	39	1
Total,	2693	23	332	38	162	182	17	22000	7	\$ 2500	\$ 4.50	138.25	1.69	1.69	30	269	2009	3825	18	86	123.00	110	35

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oskaloosa,	228	1	25	.....	6	10	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 2000	.....	35.00	.....	.....	.....	1	23	150	500	3	.....	.....	39	.....
Eddyville,.....	367	7	40	6	12	15	2	2000	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	.....	1.00	.....	5	50	300	500	6	63	\$ 20.00	25	5
Fremont,.....	265	.....	20	2	.....	8	9	1800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	25	120	255	9	6	16.50	15	.....
Sigourney,.....	147	2	25	1	9	6	1	1000	1	300	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	4	37	168	500	3	34	.....	10	16
Millersburgh,.....	227	1	41	1	21	.....	1	700	1	400	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	3	16	80	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marengo,.....	285	1	22	2	9	5	.....	.....	1	800	1.00	5.00	1.00	50.00	1.00	8	66	306	996	8	.....	89.00	120	.....
Montezuma,	120	1	15	.....	.....	.....	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	100	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indianapolis,.....	194	2	23	4	4	12	.....	.....	1	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	211	500	2	16	20.00	.....	15
Peoria,.....	228	2	29	7	.....	10	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	110	135	2	3	.....	.....	.....
Pella,	79	.....	9	.....	6	4	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	60	.....	1	.....	.....	25	.....
Attica,	455	3	25	3	48	35	1	1000	1	300	5.00	14.00	.....	.....	.....	6	45	250	175	.....	15	11.00	.....	6
Grinnell,	140	1	36	6	10	8	1	300	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	1	7	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Galesburgh,.....	103	.....	30	.....	24	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.05	.....	.....	.....	3	24	105	230	.....	13	.....	.....	5
Rochester,.....	85	2	11	3	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	29	155	505	3	40	30.72	.....	.....
Total,.....	2033	23	351	35	107	120	13	14900	6	\$ 3950	26.00	141.05	1.00	50.00	2.00	44	396	2148	4246	37	190	187.22	284	47

DES MOINES DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	NUMBERS.						BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Churches	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Collected for Con. Claims.	Collected for Missions	Collected for Tract Soc'y	Collected for Bible Society	Collected for S. S. Union	No. of Sun-day Schools	No. of Officers & Teach.	No. of Scholars	No. Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	No. in Infant Classes	Expenses for the year	S. S. Advocates taken	No. of Conversions
Des Moines,	142	2	64	2	2	2	1	\$ 8000	.....	.....	.....	16.33	.....	46.00	.....	1	25	176	.....	8	68	\$ 25.77	58	25
East Des Moines,	62	1	47	1	2	9	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	16.85	.....	35.00	.....	1	17	126	327	1	.....	15.00	50	8
Adel,	165	2	49	3	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.00	.....	.....	.....	4	30	146	475	.....	.....	5.00	22	.....
Winterset,	269	.....	21	4	17	11	1	1300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	95	108	1	.....	50.00	.....	.....
Indianola,	164	3	22	5	19	5	1	5000	1	\$ 600	.....	92.05	.....	22.00	.....	2	39	200	500	24	49	11.79	77	24
Lawrenceburgh,	247	2	125	2	14	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.10	.....	.....	.....	5	51	194	554	1	.....	15.00	27	.....
Hartford,	847	9	67	8	34	15	2	1800	1	300	\$ 8.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	8	80	400	1600	20	200	15.00	20	.....
Knoxville,	808	2	29	3	10	6	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	8.50	.....	2.50	.....	3	53	243	700	5	.....	25.00	82	6
Rising Sun,	324	8	123	10	100	15	3	4000	1	300	.....	51.15	.73	2.00	.....	9	45	500	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greencastle,	187	1	10	2	3	3	.....	.....	1	150	.....	4.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton,	122	1	22	1	10	10	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	25.50	.....	.....	.....	1	20	100	300	1	20	7.00	11	2
Monroe,	152	4	13	4	2	4	2	1500	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	1	8	45	150	2	15	.....	26	.....
Panora,	142	1	45	2	12	9	1	600	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	4	34	155	339	1	40	25.35	1	.....
Wheeling,	246	2	139	3	53	9	2	600	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	3	15	75	100	2	15	15.00	2	10
Beaver,	207	1	73	2	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.95	.....	.....	.....	5	55	198	505	2	15	3.65	2	.....
Total,	3029	39	819	52	312	115	16	81300	5	1850	\$ 8.00	322.04	.73	103.00	4.50	48	457	2533	6538	43	417	213.56	328	75

CHARITON DISTRICT.

Chariton, Station,	87	2	18	1	10	8	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 150	.....	\$ 2.50	.....	.....	.....	1	11	8	200	10	2	\$ 10.00	20	75
Chariton, Mission,	159	.....	45	4	11	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.45	.....	.....	.....	5	45	186	265	21	31	10.00	37	.....
Brooklyn,	231	1	11	2	4	8	1	600	1	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	100	200	11	8	.....	.....	.....
New Virginia,	195	2	27	4	18	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oceola,	102	1	27	1	13	5	1	2300	1	400	\$ 2.50	6.0	.50	.....	.....	2	26	114	400	4	20	26.05	10	12
Smyrna,	124	.....	22	3	.....	3	1	75	1	150	.....	9.03	.....	.....	.....	4	3	125	278	8	20	20.00	11	.....
Afton,	150	1	25	5	15	10	.....	.....	1	500	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3	30	100	150	.....	.....	35.00	20	2
Mount Ayr,	167	1	43	2	5	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	16	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur,	143	2	18	3	30	6	1	850	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	4	35	141	350	6	25	32.00	.....	.....
Leon,	230	1	78	7	20	10	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	9	50	200	500	7	18	6.00	34	30
Corydon,	335	2	70	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	25	150	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lagrange,	244	2	6	3	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	45	150	100	3	50	10.00	14	7
Newbern,	209	2	20	2	3	3	1	600	1	200	.....	3.30	.....	.....	.....	5	58	240	543	4	.....	14.00	9	.....
Total,	2376	17	410	43	135	126	7	6,875	6	1650	\$ 2.50	48.16	.50	.....	.....	43	387	1086	3286	69	196	163.00	155	96

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	Members	Deaths	Probation'rs	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Collected for Con. Claims.	Collected for Missions	Collected for Tract Soc'y	Collected for Bible Society	Collected for S. S. Union	No. of Sun-day Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	No. in Infant Classes	Expenses for the year	S. S. Advocates taken	No. of Conversions
Council Bluffs,.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	109	206	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenwood,.....	85	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	80	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loudon,.....	65	2	32	2	.....	4	.....	.....	1	\$ 500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	24	280	500	9	40	\$ 75.00	.....	.....
Sidney,.....	101	.....	22	.....	2	4	1	1200	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	32	165	320	2	153	5.00	25	.....
Clarinda,.....	140	1	30	2	8	6	1	600	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	160	100	3	.....	.....	20	.....
Lewis and Audubon,.....	60	.....	10	2	.....	.....	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	150	400	6	.....	.....	40	.....
Bedford,.....	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quincy,.....	179	2	73	5	19	14	1	500	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	53	190	596	2	40	30.00	8	12
Beuna Vista,.....	89	.....	23	3	25	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	75	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific City,.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	18	60	1	.....	13.00	10	.....
Harlan,.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia,.....	178	2	40	1	30	10	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	60	400	4	15	50.00	20	12
Total,.....	1310	7	244	22	84	42	6	7800	5	2600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	213	1228	3076	29	248	173.00	123	24

Aggregate Statistics.

This Year,.....	22054	212	3235	311	1549	1065	126%	223050	47	24425	49.85	1349.82	3.92	301.00	21.19	859	3304	18350	41033	350	2144	1534.70	2391	619
Last Year,.....	20231	186	4355	299	1921	1331	121%	232302	41	25675	34.48	1617.96	38.35	498.25	78.08	323	3144	16443	42855	260	1401	761.43	2014	838
Increase,.....	1823	26	.....	12	.....	.....	5	.....	6	.....	15.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	160	1917	.....	90	743	773.27	277	.....
Decrease,.....	.....	.....	1120	.....	372	266	.....	8252	.....	1250	.....	268.14	34.43	197.75	56.89	.....	.....	.....	1822	.....	.....	.....	.....	218

Whole number of Members this year,..... 22,054

Whole number of Probationers..... 3,235

Whole number of Local Preachers..... 311

Total,..... 25,600

Aggregate last year,..... 24,855

Aggregate increase,..... 745

J. HAYNES, Statistical Secretary.

N. B. By a comparison of the Missionary Treasurer's Report, and the Report of the Sunday School Committee, with the returns made to the Statistical Secretary, and the correction of the latter by the former, the Statistics have been made to differ, in these points, from the report sent to the General Minutes

E. H. WARING.

LIST OF PREACHERS AND POST OFFICES.

N. B.—As a list of the P. O. addresses was not furnished, the list is imperfect in that particular. All the offices are in Iowa, except when otherwise noted.

Allender, R. B., Oskaloosa,
Anderson, J. W., New Virginia, Warren
county,
Audas, T., Albia,

Badley, H. H., Saylorville, Polk county,
Badley, A., Hartford, Warren county,
Baker, J. M., Buena Vista, Harrison co.,
Bamford, G. W., Chillicothe, Wapello co.,
Barnhart, A. C., Sigourney, Keokuk co.,
Boyles, T. D.,
Bradrick, I. A., Ottumwa,
Bresee, P. F., Pella, Marion county,
Briggs, E. L., Mt. Pleasant,
Brooks, J., 97 Fourth street, St. Louis,
Missouri,
Burgess, J., Bloomfield,
Bussey, A., Knoxville,
Byrkit, G. W., Libertyville, Jefferson co.,

Carey, F. H., Bloomfield,
Carey, J. R., Marengo, Iowa county,
Carrier, M., Newton, Jasper county,
Casebeer, J. B., Marengo, Iowa county,
Clarey, D. B., Exira, Audubon county,
Clark, G. H., Centerville, Appanoose co.,
Clemmer, G., Galesburg, Jasper county,
Coiner, E. T., New York, Wayne county,
Conrad, G. W.,
Conrad, J. M., Panora, Guthrie county,
Corkhill, T. E., Keokuk,
Courtney, J. L., Auburn, Mahaska co.,
Cowger, J., Glenwood, Mills county,
Cowles, W. F., Oskaloosa,
Craig, J., Birmingham, Van Buren co.,
Crellin, H., Drakesville, Davis county.

Darrah, J., Mt. Pleasant,
Delay, J., Leon, Decatur county,
Dennet, W., Burlington,
Dickinson, D., Chariton,
Dixon, T., Dallas, Marion county,
Donahue, R. M., Loudon, Mills county.

Elliott, C., Mt. Pleasant,
Elrod, J., Washington,
Evans, F. W., Keokuk.

Farlow, S., Magnolia, Harrison county,
Fleming, E. M. H., Indianola,
Friend, G. W., Grandview, Louisa co.

Garrison, S. F. C., Greencastle, Jasper
county,
Gassner, J., Farmington, Lee county,
Gibson, H., Kossuth, Des Moines county,
Goodfellow, T. M., Council Bluffs,
Goolman, J. F., Bentonsport, Van Buren
county,
Gruber, S. S., Martinsburg, Keokuk co.,
Guylee, J., Glenwood, Mills county.

Haines, S., Des Moines,
Hammond, J. Q., Mt. Pleasant,
Hardy, J. B., Fairfield,
Hare, M. H., Albia,
Harris, J., Washington,
Hawn, C. A., New Boston,
Haydon, J., Libertyville, Jefferson county,
Haynes, James, Unionville, Appanoose co.,
Haynes, John, Brighton, Washington co.,
Hestwood, S., Eddyville,
Hill, J. B.,
Holtzinger, P. F., Marshall, Henry co.,
Holland, B., Montezuma, Poweshiek co.,
Hopkins, J. H., Pittsburgh, Van Buren
county,
Howbart, W., Quincy, Adams county.

Ingalls, P. P., Mt. Pleasant.

Jennis, C. S., Millersburgh, Iowa county,
Jocelyn, G. B., Burlington,
Johnston, A. W., Attica, Marion county.

Kirkpatrick, A. J., Mt. Pleasant.

Latham, J. W., Keosauqua,
Laubach, A., Monroe, Jasper county.

Mabee, C. C., Chariton,
M'Claskey, I., West Point, Lee county,
M'Cutchen, J. H.,
M'Dowell, J., Mt. Pleasant,
Mahan, W., Attica, Marion county,
Maxon, J. W., Fairfield,
Miller, M., Keokuk,
Miller, A., Mt. Pleasant,
Miller, E.,
Milnes, C. G., Danville, Des Moines co.,
Mitchell, B., Afton, Union county,
Morey, C., Numa, P. O., Appanoose co.,
Mulholland, R.,
Murphy, A. H., Wheeling, Marion county,
Murphy, D., Mt. Pleasant.,

Nicholas, G. Adel, Dallas county.

Orr, A., Granville, Mahaska county,
Orr, J., Rome, Henry county,
Orris, W., Muscatine.

Petefish, D. H., Pacific City, Mills county,
Peterson, W. S., Winterset,
Pierce, W., Vernon, Lee county,
Poston, W., West Liberty, Muscatine co.,
Power, J. H., Middletown, Des Moines co.,
Power, G. N., Dodgeville, Des Moines co.,
Prather, A. S., Wapello, Louisa county.

Rand, J. S., Bedford, Taylor county,
Rawls, J. B., Brooklyn, Madison county,
Reed, F. H., Hopeville, Clark county,

- Reynolds, C. P., Richmond, Washington county.
 Reynolds, S., Burlington,
 Robinson, R. S., Garden Grove, Decatur county,
 Robinson, A., Agency City,
 Rowley, L. T., Troy, Van Buren county,
 Rust, J. M., Sidney, Fremont county.
- See, Michael, Salem, Henry county,
 Sheets, M., Liberty, Clark county,
 Shelton, O. C., Crawfordsville, Washington county,
 Sherwood, J., Lagrange, Lucas county,
 Shinn, B., Corydon, Wayne county,
 Shippen, W. C., Winchester, Van Buren co.
 Simmons, J. T., Muscatine,
 Simpson, W., New London, Henry county,
 Slusser, F. M., Marengo, Iowa County,
 Smith, D. N., Chariton,
 Smith, L. A., Blakesburg, Wapello county,
 Spaulding, W. J., Mount Pleasant,
 Spooner, C. F., Mount Ayr, Ringold co.,
 Stewart, I. I., Winterset, Madison county,
 Stryker, A. W., Blue Grass, Scott county,
 Sweem, D. T., Hamilton, Marion county,
- Tallmadge, J. B., Decatur City, Decatur county,
 Tallman, B. F., West Liberty, Muscatine county,
 Teas, G. W., Washington,
 Teeter, I. P., East Des Moines Polk co.,
 Thomas, H. W., Fort Madison, Lee county,
 Thompson, J. G., Danville, Des Moines co.,
 Thompson, D., Des Moines,
 Todd, J. W., Adair, Adair county,
 Twining, E. W., Washington.
- Waring, E. H., Des Moines,
 Wayman, M. B., Toolsboro, Louisa county,
 Welch, J., Indianapolis, Mahaska county,
 Wells, N., Kossuth, Des Moines county,
 White, J. H., Mt. Pleasant,
 Williams, B. F., Garden Grove, Decatur county,
 Williams, A. C., Denmark, Lee county,
 Wilson, J. A., _____
 Winans, E. H., Occola, Clark county,
 Wood, E., Lawrenceburg, Warren county,
 Woodford, L. C., Richmond, Washington county,
 Woolsey, C., Clarinda, Page county,
 Worthington, D., Muscatine.